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Stop funding the wars!

Stop the budget cuts!

Carole Willey

The Legislature's inaction in the last seven years to raise revenues has caused much harm and injury to individuals, families, and communities, with drastic budget cuts that are especially detrimental to the weakest, the voiceless, and the disempowered. In fact, Congress' fiscal irresponsibility years ago with tax cuts for the wealthy *created a war economy without the fiscal revenue to financially back the wars.* The war and healthcare corporations are gaining from the wars; however these profits are detrimental to our country, sending us all into national bankruptcy.

A country cannot fight wars and yet not collect taxes from the wealthiest Americans and corporations. It is economic suicide. Instead, corporations and the wealthiest Americans are convincing us that cuts to social programs cuts are the only answer.

No, I say: **Stop funding the wars!**

With 46 states having sweeping state cuts and with federal cuts weighing over us, Americans' very way of life is in jeopardy. Joining forces is the only answer.

Patterns of corruption

The wealthiest are not paying taxes (what right-wing politicians call "tax relief"), yet they have complete control of state legislatures and Congress. Corporate lobbyists write both state and federal bills that create public policies that affect our daily lives. Now, with the help of the Supreme Court and the doctrine of Corporate Personhood, the wealthiest individuals and corporations can spend unlimited amounts of money on lobbying and election campaigns. Thus, they have complete representation of federal government – without taxation. Yet the rest of us are taxed without full representation.

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Since 2001, you have two major wars, the housing crisis in 2007, the auto industry bailout of the fall of 2008, and shortly after that the Wall Street investment bank bailout. The American middle class and the poor are paying for these bailouts, paying for security exchange deregulations, paying for these wars. Yet, with the economic meltdown and downward spin, the average American is paying for all of this with cuts to social programs due to the wars and economic depression, all while losing their representation! Democracy? What democracy!

Just like the "tax relief" bills of Bush's first years, wording and outcomes are incongruent with bills' actual intent. In 2009, when the four Food Safety bills came out (HR 759, HR 814, HR 875, HR 2749), it wasn't about safety, like how the Clean Air Act wasn't about a clean environment. Some bills do the exact opposite, creating an illusion by the very nature of their bill name. It is deceptive what congressional bills, and for that matter state legislation, are actually carry out. The bills are masking corporate-controlled outcomes to their benefit, profit, and greed.

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Update from the Scott Yoos Support Committee

Scott Yoos Support Committee

"The law will never make men free; it is men who have got to make the law free."
– Henry David Thoreau

Scott Yoos, a valued member of the anti-war, nuclear resistance, and environmental movements is being unjustly targeted for prosecution in Olympia, Thurston County, Washington on allegations that stem directly to his disability.

Scott's inability to speak and use of sign language was misinterpreted as 'assaultive' behavior by Olympia police. While riding his bike home from the Olympia Film Society on the night of June 1, 2011 Scott was the victim of overly zealous police who stopped him, claiming (in police reports) he had "thrown something in or taken something out" of a dumpster. When Scott signed he had done nothing wrong, the police tore his bike away from him, placed him in 'pain compliance' holds, arrested him, and brought him to the jail where his civil rights were further violated.

Scott's experience sparked a citizen's call for police accountability. Members of the Olympia community who know Scott to be a peaceful man immediately recognized that the police had discriminated against Scott because of his inability to speak and recklessly escalated an innocent situation. However, rather than issuing a public apology to Scott, mandating diversity training for police on issues of disability; and dropping the unjust charges - Thurston County prosecutors chose to charge Scott with a felony in addition to two misdemeanor charges.

Scott's next pretrial hearing is 10:30am on Wednesday, Sep. 28, in Thurston County Superior Court. Supporters are encouraged to attend a 9:30am vigil at the courthouse.

In early August, prosecutors moved to trump a misdemeanor trespass charge by adding resisting arrest and felony assault charges - falsely claiming Scott chose to come in contact with the police when the cops threw him to the ground, bound and arrested him. Scott of course denies the ridiculous allegations.

The case has become political. Scott Yoos is a recognized member of the social justice community. When public monies are used to harass and prosecute the good citizens of our community, it's time for people who know right from wrong to hold the unscrupulous officials who bridge public office with private interests accountable.

Pursuing such charges serves to manufacture consent towards a police state rather than respecting the civil liberties of the people in this community. The

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Changes coming to the Artesian Well

...but whose changes are they?

WIP News Service

The City of Olympia recently announced plans to make major changes to the Artesian Well, near the corner of 4th and Jefferson. Planned additions include brick work, solar lighting, a raised shelf for large bottle refilling, an improved drainage system, a public art project, and a community message board. An artist's rendering of the planned Artesian Well space is available at the City of Olympia website, www.olympiawa.gov.

A portion of this project is being funded by the "Parking and Business Improvement Area" – a downtown zone set aside for special laws. The PBIA is governed by an advisory board appointed by the city, and gets its income from mandatory dues collected from downtown businesses. The PBIA was founded by the City Council in 2006, at the urging of the Olympia Downtown Association (the private business-interest group most responsible for anti-homeless lobbying in Olympia). The PBIA and ODA share a special relationship, *not to mention one mutual city liaison*.

During the tenure of the PBIA, the city has passed the anti-sidewalk sitting ordinance of 2006, the recent anti-panhandling and anti-busking laws, and rescinded free parking downtown by installing the much-disliked electronic parking pay stations. Last year, the current City Council removed the PBIA's sunset clause, extending it indefinitely.

The Artesian Well renovation plan was designed in cooperation with H2Olympia: Artesian Well Advocates. H2Olympia (formerly known as "It's Still the Water") formed in early 2009 in response to growing concern that the well could be shut down by the city or by Diamond Parking (former owners of the location of the well). H2Olympia's mission statement emphasizes that "Clean water is a human right." H2Olympia took over the advocacy work for the well, following the dissolution of Friends of the Artesians, who had paid for the required monthly health testing of the well water for over 15 years.

The new work is scheduled to continue for several months. The area around the well will be fenced off for portions of this time. The city has indicated they will endeavor to keep the well water accessible as much as possible during this work, but indicated there will be times when the well will be off-limits during the renovation.

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CIVIL to organize mobile Busking-Dance Party-Parade

CIVIL press release

On Tuesday, September 6th, Citizens in Violation of Illegal Laws [CIVIL] will sponsor a Free Concert/Busker Parade to protest the city's criminalization of homelessness in general and the anti-busking laws in particular. This comes upon the heels of CIVIL's highly popular 'Busk-In' that was held in front of the City Hall on June 21 when over 40 buskers illegally performed in front of City Hall during a City Council meeting. An informal survey has indicated that most Olympia residents are completely unaware that such laws even exist and they are almost unanimously outraged upon learning of them. Therefore CIVIL seeks to publicize and raise public awareness of the existence of these laws. To that end CIVIL has issued a call to musicians, magicians, mimes, poets, clowns, jugglers, and many others. The free concert will begin at 2 pm on September 6 and the Busker Parade will depart from the 'designated busking zone' at Sylvester Park at 4 pm. Upon departing Sylvester Park the parade will technically be in violation of the anti-busking law. The parade will first tour the four designated 'busking zones' in order to emphasize the extreme undesirability of their locations before marching-busking-dancing to the City Hall to greet the public and the city council-members as they arrive for the scheduled City Council meeting and entertain them with some illegal music. Several members of the public will then comment upon the busking laws during the public comment period of the council meeting.

Report from the Rethinking Psychiatry Symposium

Carole Willey, BSW

Rethinking Psychiatry Symposium steering committee / workgroup (Facilitated by Marcia Meyers & Terry Daniels)

On Wednesday, August 17, 2011, the steering committee / workgroup for the Rethinking Psychiatry Symposium met in Portland. The meeting went for two hours, and was facilitated by Marcia Meyers and Terry Daniels. Due to all the new people who were interested in joining the four workgroups, we spent much of our time getting to know each other.

As I missed the June 15 meeting of roughly 40 people, for me it was the first follow-up meeting from the Rethinking Psychiatry two-day Symposium on May 13 and 14, 2011 (which followed four days of events, in Vancouver and Portland, back in February).

I was pleased to meet professionals such as:

Elissa - A naturopathic doctor,
Harriet - A doctor focusing on energy medicine,
Elaine - A holistic health consultant (and, like me, a social worker),
Diana - A foundation staff member informally representing the Portland Latin@ community,
Kali - An attorney from Disability Rights Oregon,
Cindi - A member of Mom's Initiative,
Sarah - Developmental Director for MindFreedom International,
As well as an organizer with Benzo Beware, a Portland group dedicated to educating the public on the dangers of benzodiazepines.

There was an announcement for the August 22, 2011, a free workshop called "Build Alliances to amplify the Voice of Mental Health Clients: Draw on the Strengths of the Disability Movement to Empower Mental Health Consumer/Survivors!", sponsored by five organizations including the Oregon Consumer/Survivors Coalition.

We decided to formally create a website, provide .pdf links for documentation and provide a page on fifty states' mental health (MH) statutes. I offered to collect a list of all fifty MH statutes for my own website and that of Alaskan Attorney James Gottstien (www.PsychRights.org). Ron offered to facilitate the design of the Rethinking Psychiatry website.

Marcia provided interesting articles and book reviews, which I have listed below. I also have a few copies of the MindFreedom Summer 2011 Journal - MFI 25 Year Celebration. (If interested in a copy, call me at 360-352-5361 captioned phone).

The next "Rethinking Psychiatry" workgroup meeting is set for Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at the First Unitarian Church of Portland. Call Carole Willey at 360-352-5361 (captioned phone) for anyone wanting to carpool to Portland.

Articles discussed at RP Symposium

"Investing for a backlash against psychopharmacology"
by Christopher Faille,
Forbes contributor
July 19, 2011
http://tinyurl.com/3vcdkaa

"The illusions of psychiatry"
by Marcia Angell
The New York Review of Books
July 14, 2011
http://tinyurl.com/439e7d7

"Transforming our thinking about psychiatric medications: What if many popular medications aren't as beneficial and effective as we once thought?"
by Lori Ashcraft, PhD, and Bill Anthony, PhD
Behavioral Healthcare (www.behavioral.net)
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http://tinyurl.com/3eyat37

Books on Health Freedom Reform
Focus: Pharmaceutical Companies
Compiled by Carole Willey, BSW, Environmental Healthcare Social Reformer

Mad in America: Bad Science, Bad Medicine and the Enduring Mistreatment of the Mentally Ill by Robert Whitaker (2002)

Anatomy of an Epidemic: Magic Bullets, Psychiatric Drugs, and the Astonishing Rise of Mental Illness is America by Robert Whitaker (2010)

The Truth About the Drug Companies: How they Deceive Us and What To Do About It by Marcia Angell, M.D. (2004)

The Big Fix: How the Pharmaceutical Industry Rips Off American Consumers by Katherine Greider (2003)

What the Drug Companies Won't Tell You and Your Doctor Doesn't Know: The Alternative Treatments that May Change Your Life—And the Prescriptions That Could Harm You by Michael T. Murray, ND (2009)

Fight for Your Health: Exposing the FDA's Betrayal of America by Byron J. Richards (2006)

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Holistic Health & Advocacy provides information on MH advocacy, intervention, prevention, & alternative approaches by creating opportunities for wellness & recovery.

Dear neighbors, friends and opponents of the 7-Eleven

On August 5, at the request of the City's Hearing Examiner, we submitted our list of specific issues appealing the city's approval of the 7-Eleven in our neighborhood at the intersection of Harrison and Division.

We hope to address all these issues at the **only** formal public hearing that the City of Olympia has allowed us. Neighbors of the planned 7-Eleven paid $1000 to have this hearing. This hearing before the Hearing Examiner is scheduled for Wednesday, September 7, at 6:30 pm in City Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Now, however, on August 11, the City of Olympia's deputy city attorney, Darren Nienaber, has asked the Hearing Examiner to *dismiss our appeal before the public hearing can take place!*

We expected Michael A. Jenkins, the Vancouver "developer," to do his best to dismiss our appeal, but we did not expect the City itself to try to stifle the one public hearing citizens might have to get their views officially recorded and the 7-Eleven project evaluated on its merits.

To me, this action by the City's attorney shows yet again how absolutely ludicrous it is for the city to claim, as it does, that they are interested in neighborhood opinion and are supportive of local business.

We will, of course, oppose this effort by the City attorney to silence the over 1000 citizens, businesses and neighborhood associations opposed to this 7-Eleven and ask the Hearing Examiner to let our voices be heard and our arguments be presented on September 7.

Solidarity.
Dan Leahy
(360) 402-0441

Note: We need pictures of trucks making deliveries to convenience stores in the Olympia area. Please take the photos and let me know.

Note: I have found two neighbors who own property adjacent to the proposed 7-Eleven and who sent in formal comments but were not placed on the list of "parties of record" by city planner, Kraig Chalem. If you sent in written comments to the city and did not receive the "Notice of Land Use Approval," please let me know.

ConsentFest

October 1 - Noon - Sylvester Park

On January 24, 2011, a representative of the Toronto Police gave shocking insight into the force's view of sexual assault by stating: "Women should avoid dressing like sluts in order not to be victimized."

On April 3, Toronto activists responded by hosting the first ever "SlutWalk," to protest against the practice of explaining or excusing rape by blaming or attacking the victim. In addition to opposing regressive rape politics, SlutWalk also focuses on sexual education and sexual empowerment.

Several cities have followed suit, hosting their own "SlutWalks" (alternatively known as ConsentFest, to avoid implications of ableism). Olympia's first ConsentFest will be on Saturday, October 1, starting at Noon.

From ConsentFest Olympia's Facebook page:

> [ConsentFest is] about coming together and saying, we will not let you blame the victims anymore - **We will not let you blame us anymore!** It's about walking our streets and demanding that we be safe doing so, no matter how we are dressed or who we have slept with in the past.
>
> We want to back up Toronto and every single person who has been the victim of sexual assault. It's time to say **No more!** This event is for sluts, and allies, and people who are just fed up with the lack of sex education, the constant victim blaming, and not being able to feel safe in their own community. Let's take back our city!
>
> There is no dress code other than to dress how you are comfortable!
>
> This event is for people of all genders and expressions, because sexual violence is not a women's issue – it's a people's issue!

ConsentFest begins with a march, starting at Sylvester Park at Noon. The march will be followed by workshops on sex-positivism, sexual assault prevention, and survivorship.

For more information or to volunteer, please email slutwalkoly@rocketmail.com. Follow twitter.com/slutwalkolympia.

Dear Olympia...

anonymous

Dear Olympia, I love you. When I got here 3 years ago, I had just been queerbashed by someone I thought was my friend—in front of both of our children. I was in pretty rough shape. Since then, I've learned so much from you about how to be in the world, how to be loving, how to be nonviolent. There are so many people here that have—simply by being themselves—healed me in ways I never expected.

Another part of my healing has been realizing that my relationship with this former friend was based on certain assumptions about *performance*—that she expected me to be a certain way and when I wasn't... well... This helped me shift my thinking about violence in general—that it's about (nonconsensual) dominance and control of others. This in turn led me to think about abuse in general—it's said to be about power and control. I'm still not sure that's *always* the case, but I do believe that in the majority of cases. But surely, I thought, that wouldn't be a problem in Olympia since we primarily organize along consensus lines, right?

This helped shift my thinking about violence in general—that it's about (nonconsensual) dominance and control of others. This in turn led me to think about abuse in general—it's said to be about power and control.

Yet over the last year, I've had many of my friends in the radical and activist communities tell me they have been sexually assaulted, stalked or otherwise abused by friends or lovers (or that guy behind QB) in the last year. I've been shocked to discover that the perpetrators of these hurtful actions have sometimes been my friends, too.

As a Survivor, that's been really hard to swallow. I've had to do a lot of work weighing my visceral reactions against the importance of these friendships. Some of these people I've met with, and some have been accountable. I've been grateful for that. It took a lot of weight off my heart—and challenged a lot of my thinking around issues of abuse and violence in Community.

I ended that paragraph with the word Community because abuse and violence affect more than the few people involved in a particular incidence. Rape and Abuse are worthy of being labeled provocateurs. They may not be humans, but they have an active role in the destruction of relationships, leaving individuals isolated, and dismantling otherwise successful community organizations and actions. I'm betting as you read this, that you can think of several recent examples—and how they've affected our social circles. This is completely understandable. How can we have solidarity with those with whom we have conflict? At the same time, how can we be effective actors for social justice with all these divisions?

I believe that it's entirely possible to heal—and that there are a lot of folks in town who want to do that work, but might not know where to go. That's what ConsentFest is all about—giving people a safe space for healing from sexual assault and relationship violence, preventing abuse in the first place (including workshops for people who have committed these acts and want to heal themselves so they don't hurt other people again), and sexual empowerment. We'll have many different panels, workshops, and the like. You can check us out at consentfestolympia.blogspot.com!

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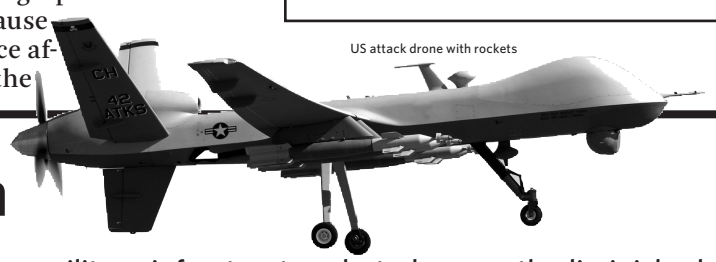
LIBYA: What's going on



US attack drone with rockets

Libya has the largest oil reserves in Africa. "The oil is especially coveted because of its high quality." Following the 1967 revolution, the Libyan oil industry was nationalized.

The US Air Force, along with Britain and France, has carried out 7,459 bombing attacks since March 19.

The Libyan rebels are under the direction of NATO commanders and "advisors." Their weapons and funds are supplied by the U.S. and other NATO powers. Their only military successes have been in Benghazi on the far east of the country.

"The cumulative effect [of NATO's coordinated air and ground operation] not only destroyed Libya's military infrastructure but also greatly diminished Colonel Gaddafi's commanders' ability to control forces, leaving even committed fighting units unable to move, resupply or coordinate operations." NYT

There have been enormous demonstrations in Libya against the bombing: One million have rallied in Tripoli, hundreds of thousands in Sabha (southern Libya), and tens of thousands in smaller cities. That's in a country of only 6 million people! The Libyan rebels asked for the bombing, because that is how they plan to take power—but they do not speak for the Libyan people as a whole. Brian Becker, ANSWER Coalition

Source: Brian Becker, The Truth About the Situation in Libya: Cutting through the government propaganda and media lies; Answercoalition.org, 3 Big Lies About the U.S./NATO War on Libya

▸ **SCOTT YOOS,** continued from page 1

new charges also serve as an unethical move on the part of risk management operatives to undermine the very strong potential of liability from future civil litigation.

Risk management refers to the "coordinated and economical application of resources to minimize, monitor, and control the probability and/or impact of unfortunate events." What happened to Scott was indeed unfortunate. The risks identified are officers prone to violate the constitutionally-protected civil rights of free citizens, and the costly litigation that follows. Risk management strategies include transferring the risk to another party and reducing the negative effect or probability of the risk (these are the two strategies being exercised here). Two additional strategic options exist in the arena of risk management, options which are appropriate; but, quite sadly for our community, not being exercised - they include avoiding the risk, and accepting some or all of the consequences of a particular risk.

Through it all - police ignorance concerning disability issues continues, and Scott Yoos, rather caring for his health (Scott manages a complex disability set), must instead focus on defending himself against false allegations that have the potential to further undermine his civil liberties.

It is not likely that those who make it their purpose in life to 'cage the mockingbird' believe a jury would find Scott guilty of such a charge. However, fears of a foolish jury bring innocent men and women to plea to a charge they are in fact innocent of in order to avoid the consequences of a felony conviction on a charge they are also innocent of (felony consequences include loss of voting rights, housing, and certain categories of sustenance income and social service resources). As stressed above, a legally coerced plea could serve to undermine police accountable through civil process. This is the game being played; however, Scott is not playing. He is innocent, and he is sincere. We will see Scott reveal the truth of events within the trial process, and in effect expose the unethical conduct of the police, and those who have served to protect the bully cops.

Scott is working with Attorney Christopher Taylor with The Evergreen Law Group. Taylor and Legrand Jones, who will assist in the defense, are members of the National Lawyers Guild. A Not Guilty plea on all charges was presented to the court at the August 16 arraignment. A pretrial hearing is scheduled for 10:30 AM Wednesday, September 28, in Thurston County Superior Court (Bldg. 1, 2000 Lakeridge Drive, Olympia, WA). Supporters are encouraged to attend a 9:30 AM vigil at the courthouse complex in support of Scott and for police accountability just prior the pretrial hearing.

Jury trial is scheduled to begin the morning of November 2 in Thurston County Superior Court. Please check the October, 2011 issue of Works in Progress for scheduling updates.

The Scott Yoos Legal Defense Fund has been formed to accept donations to cover Scott's legal fees. We are in the process of setting up a DonationPay account for online fundraising. For now, donations should be endorsed to: "Scott Yoos - LDF" and mailed to:

Scott Yoos – LDF
c/o Scott Yoos
4500 Martin Way E, #35
Olympia, WA 98516

Donations can also be endorsed to "Scott Yoos – LDF" and mailed directly to the Washington State Employee Credit Union where the LDF account is set up:

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Victory will not end the war

Helena Meyer-Knapp

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Air strikes on Baghdad; ground attack on the entrenched forces in Kuwait; Tomahawk cruise missiles landing with pin-point accuracy: we have heard a great deal recently about how to bring about victory in a war with Iraq. Such talk suggests that victory and an end to the war go hand in hand. But that is not the way wars really end. Victory normally becomes highly probable, often certain, weeks or months before the last shot is fired. We may have to fight on long after we have "won."

As the fighting begins we must tell ourselves the truth about what it will take to stop it. The coalition troops have controlled the onset of war; they are probably powerful enough to ensure a victory; what they do not have is the power to bring the fighting to an end once it starts, particularly not if the coalition "wins." The US has the power to initiate a war but not necessarily the power to end it.

Winners do not decide the way and the time a war ends. Losers decide the timing and the manner of a ceasefire. The United States and its partners, by starting to fight, have agreed to go on fighting as long as Iraq wishes to (unless there is a rout of Iraqi forces in a very few days).

Victory may already be assured, as it was after D Day in July 1944, and after dropping The Bomb on Japan in 1945, but "winners" cannot unilaterally impose a ceasefire. In 1945, in 1975 in Vietnam, in Afghanistan to this day the "winners" have had to keep on fighting until the defeated agreed to stop.

The four factors which determine the end to the fighting and the dying are: 1) whether the day to day military balance on the field of battle can still be changed, 2) the prospect for both sides of post-war settlements which address the issues that are still urgent as the war ends, 3) tolerance for the actual suffering being experienced because of the fighting, and 4) the balance between "warriors" and "defeatists" among the times group of government leaders included in the Presidential level discussions during the final months or days or hours of a war.

We all know that military balance matters and we usually talk as though victory happens when one nation unveils greater absolute military might. Events in Vietnam and Afghanistan and in other past wars demonstrate conclusively that the critical factor is not absolute power. What matters is whether the losing side continues to be willing to deploy additional forces in an attempt to bring a turnaround.

Coalition troops have controlled the onset of war; they are probably powerful enough to ensure a victory. What they do not have is the power to bring the fighting to an end once it begins. The US has the power to start a war but not necessarily the power to end it.

Once again the power to decide really resides with the side that is losing. The Battle of the Bulge gave Hitler hope, and such battles occur in every war. For eight years Iran and Iraq were both willing to try to tip the balance far longer than seems "reasonable" to the winners.

Fighting on when you are bound to lose *is* unreasonable. But tolerance for suffering and prospects for settlements create the climate that defies reason. The US and the coalition may have to fight long after we become certain that we have "won," even if Iraqi assessments are incomprehensible to us.

If what is at stake is survival as a nation, fighter and civilians alike tolerate much more anguish and physical pain than seems reasonable to those who are defending a principle, i.e. "containing aggression" or to those pressing for "national interest" in a far away land. If your house and children are threatened it is much easier to kill, than it is to inflict suffering when your friends and family are quite safe. Post-Vietnam we know that the suffering of the frontline troops is much easier for them to endure when those at home can identify with their objectives and their experience. We will have to go on fighting until Iraqi tolerance for the suffering is exhausted, unless ours is exhausted first.

We will also have to go on fighting until Iraq can accept the terms that are being offered for post-war settlements. A number of historians have suggested that allied demand for unconditional surrender in World War II actually prolonged the fighting. Most wars this century have not ended until after the outlines of an agreement acceptable to both sides had been developed. US commitments to non-negotiable stands on post-war dispositions may well keep us fighting for a very long time.

The terms of post war settlements cannot be limited only to the issues that caused the war in the first place. War and the threat of war bring other issues to the fore and the immediate cause may well be overshadowed by concerns made prominent during the combat. Final settlements in this war will probably not be restricted only to the restoration of Kuwait to its pre-war condition, and if we insist on limiting them this way, the war may drag on, even while the solidarity of our coalition begins to fracture. We have already seen some fracturing over attempts to reach settlements. If we are too insistent we could even find other nations signing separate ceasefire agreements with Iraq, leaving the US alone in the combat.

In the end, despite all the Congressional votes, and all the public lobbying, the decision both to start the fighting and to bring it to an end rest with the two Presidents and their inner circles of advisors. Citizens can support flexibility in settlements. We can keep alert to the suffering and convey our pain to our leaders as well as we can, but the majority for ceasefire has to be found in the Presidents' inner circles, not in public opinion polls.

A survey of the French, Italian, German and Japanese surrenders of World War II found that in each case the date for armistice was not set until "defeatists" took control of the inner circles of the governing elite. Unless there is a rout at some point, we will all have to tolerate the fighting, the dying, the killing, the catastrophes, the devastation, until two very small groups of men can agree that the time has come to end it all.

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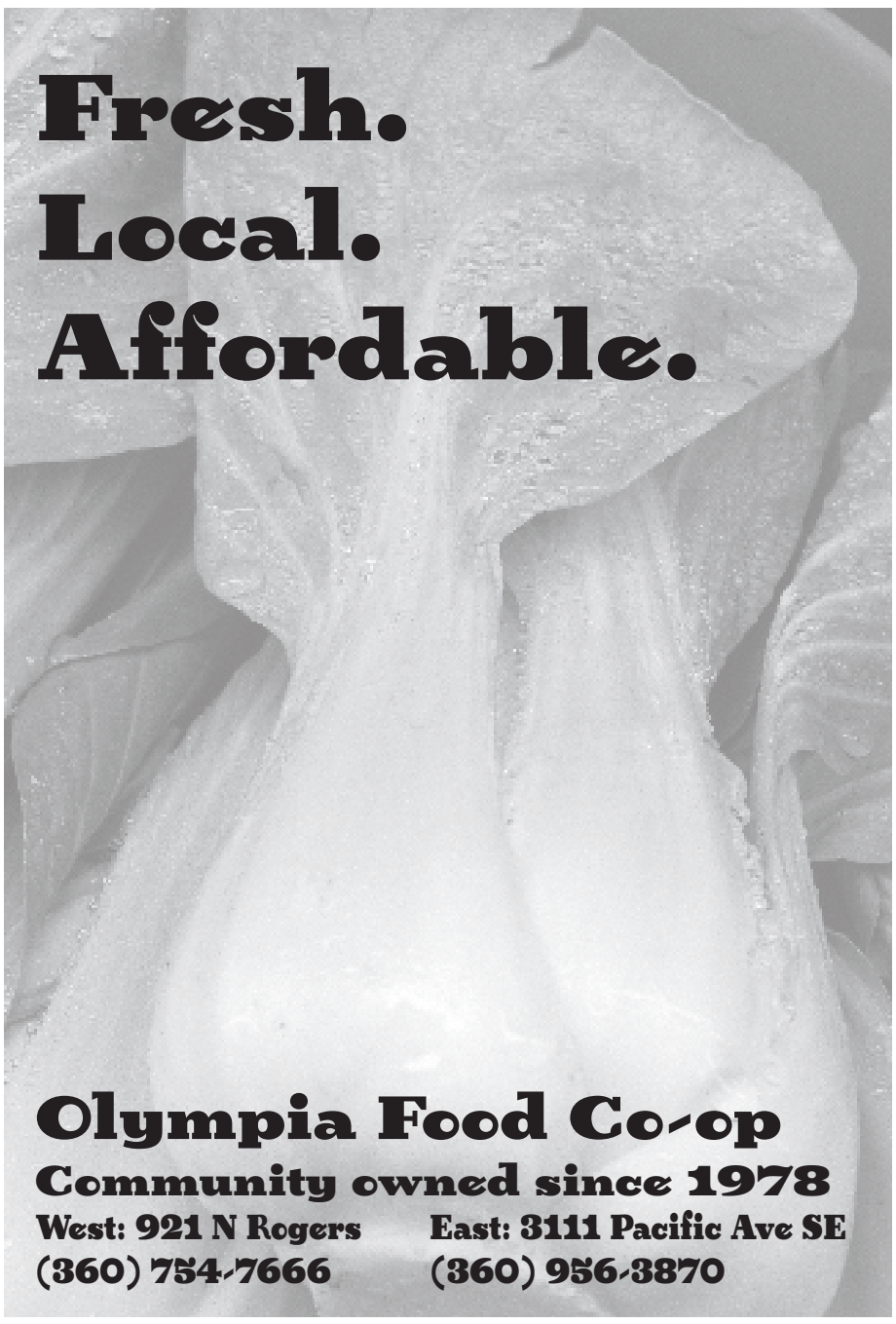
Death by sanctions

The stated goals of the 1990s UN sanctions against Iraq were to inhibit Saddam Hussein's ability to produce weapons of mass destruction, and to force Iraq to pay foreign debts. However, the US Congress with President Clinton explicitly stated their goal was regime change in Iraq. [Iraq Liberation Act of 1998]

The sanctions resulted in widespread malnutrition, diseases resulting from lack of clean water, and lack of adequate medical supplies and medical care. Many of these effects were anticipated in advance. The sanctions also devastated the economic infrastructure, greatly reducing the standard of living even for the survivors.

It's estimated the sanctions were responsible for the deaths of 1,000,000 Iraqi people, between 300,000 and 500,000 of them children. When asked directly if the lives of 500,000 children were worth it, then-US Ambassador to the UN Madeline Albright responded, "We think the price is worth it."

In 1997, Denis Halliday resigned from his position as UN Humanitarian Coordinator in Baghdad, saying "I don't want to administer a programme that satisfies the definition of genocide." Halliday's successor also subsequently resigned in protest. Despite numerous protests, the sanctions continued through the 2003 invasion.



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HATE-WATCH: ACT! for America

Mike Coday,
Wensday Media Distro

Wensday Media was asked if it could cover a meeting of ACT! For America (http://actforamerica.org) in Chehalis on August 27. We tried, but it was a hard slog. Here are some notes from the meeting and what they are thinking about:

A group of perhaps 30 people met to discuss their concern that a stealth war is being waged against the United States. The group was entirely white, predominately male, and the average age is estimated to be 50+. I did not spot a single person who looked like they could be under 35 to 40 years of age.

It's an interesting group who appear to share a concern about the the appointment and election of "devout Muslims" to important government positions. There was also concern about devout Muslim infiltration of the military and police forces. The speaker started with a recitation about the danger of the Muslim invasion and a statement that when the Muslim population of an area increases beyond 25%, that the Muslim population takes over, gets pushy and begins to implement Sharia Law. The speaker was quite clear that Sharia Law is meant to replace all constitutional law and is a completely different kind of law.

Photo from Wensday Media Distro

ACT! for America is reported to number about 170,000 people across the United States, with significant political influence through funding of a lobbyist in Washington DC who is knocking on the doors of the elected officials.

At the meeting, there was encouragement to make connections between Act for America and the Minutemen, the National Rifle Association and other groups with closely-aligned goals. We were told America is under attack from radical Islam, from Iran, and from Hamas. Europe is even worse; it can't recover without a "shooting war." There was some discussion that GOP candidate Mitt Romney just doesn't get it. He has made comments in the debates that led some in this group to believe he does not see the Muslims as a threat to Constitutional law.

There was brief discussion of the threat of illegal immigration to the US, that we are under attack from many fronts, but the focus returned quickly to the threat of Hamas, Palestine and Muslim extremists.

The speaker, Bill, was friendly, persuasive and articulate, and made many clear statements about the threats we face. But the statements were striking, and consistent in their lack of specifics. Statements about the implementation of Sharia law in communities in the US were not backed up with a single locale named where this has happened or is happening.

I am not sure how a person would go about opening a dialogue with this group to broaden their understanding of US/Israeli militarism and how "strategic" US interests invade the lives of other human beings on the planet.

The group watched a video "Wall of Lies" on the territorial conflict between Israel and the Palestinian people. This video was very well done, persuasive propaganda, showing current day footage of campus demonstrations for justice for Palestine, for boycotts of Israeli goods, and mixing it with 50 and 60-year old quotes from Middle Eastern political leaders, with footage of Iranian demonstrations against the US and Israel, and with the inevitable footage of Adolf Hitler. The video highlighted the translation of *Mein Kampf* into Arabic, with an attempt to establish some kind of Axis of Evil connection between the European Holocaust against the Jewish people and the current territorial conflict between Israel and the Palestinian people.

The meeting was well-organized, as was the speaker and the political material. The video was top shelf propaganda: well organized, edited and produced.

I am not sure how a person would go about opening a dialogue with this group to broaden their understanding of US/Israeli militarism, the influence and sway of US power in the regions of the world where US political leaders identify national security interests (I think these interests are indistinguishable from control of oil and mineral resources and the geopolitics of controlling those resources), and how strategic US interests invade the lives of other human beings on the planet. I would love to see this group and others like it exposed to a more rational analysis of Middle East politics from persons like Steve Niva, Peter Bohmer or Larry Mosqueda (to drop just a few names), but that exposure seems pretty unlikely.

Wensday Media Distro is a collective of journalists, photographers, writers and videographers operating out of Olympia, Washington. Wensday Media Distro was formed with assistance from Media Island International and Thurston Community Television (TCTV).

First, it was the "Tea Party" in Lewis County and now it's "ACT! for America," with many of the same participants (such as the ACT! for America leader William E Smith, a long time resident of Onalaska).

In July, "ACT! for America" met at the Chehalis Veteran's Memorial Museum with approximately 80 local residents attending. Jack Tipping of AfA lauded Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler for sending ICE to investigate undocumented workers in Centralia. Mike Hurle of AfA, also from Onalaska, gave a report on how "Islam" is not a religion, but a way of governance.

The group showed the movie "Islam Rising," which warns of the "stealth" invasion of Muslim immigrants. The filmmaker contends that the Muslim invasion is an affront to our freedom, traditions and human rights, and that it must be stopped.

The "ACT! for America" group meets every fourth Saturday of the month at the Chehalis Library from 10am to noon. The public is invited.

Brigitte Gabriel
Founder of ACT! for America

WIP News Service

ACT! for America is a "nationwide network" of local chapters whose main purpose, reminiscent of the 1950's, is to "mobilize Americans" against the "multiple threats of radical Islam, and educate them in what they can and must do to protect themselves and this country."

The founder of ACT! for America, Brigitte Gabriel, who calls herself a "leading expert on global islamic terrorism," is a Christian Lebanese immigrant who blames Muslims for the Lebanese Civil War and the loss of Christian control. She claims the American way of life, too, is under attack by the followers of Islam.

As president and CEO of ACT! for America, Gabriel argues that political correctness is being used to intimidate those "who dare speak the truth about radical Islam terror and jihad." While others are "muted by fear of lawsuits and physical assaults," Gabriel and her organization, filled with "evangelical Christian Conservatives, hard-line defenders of Israel (both Jews and Christians), and Tea Party Republicans," plan to "triumphantly rise above political correctness and intimidation."

At the 2007 Intellegence Summit in Washington, DC (a right-wing organization of moneyed but not necessarily intellegence connected anti-Islamists such as Glenn Beck), Gabriel stated, "America and the West can no longer afford to lay in their lazy state of overweight ignorance... If you want to understand the nature of the enemy we face, visualize a tapestry of snakes. They slither and they hiss, and they would eat each other alive, but they will unite in a hideous mass to achieve their common goal of imposing Islam on the world."

At the Christians United For Israel annual conference in 2007 Gabriel goes on to say "the difference between Israel and the Arab world is the difference between civilization and barbarism. It's the difference between good and evil, this is what we're witnessing in the Arabic world. They have no soul! They are dead set on killing and destruction. And in the name of something they call "Allah" which is very different from the God we believe [in] because our God is the God of love."

Even more outrageously, Gabriel accuses Muslims of the use of sexual jihad to overtake countries, that they "multiply like rabbits" to produce enough citizens to vote themselves into office. She points to Hezbollah in Lebanon and the Palestinians. "Yes, sex for them is simply a form of Jihad. . . a taboo subject everyone is trying to avoid but it needs to be exposed for what it really is."

And while American Muslims are supposed to be patiently lying in wait for their chance to overthrow the US Constitution and institute Sharia, Gabriel ironically argues that patriotic Americans "must be willing to give up more liberties in the war against Islam." After all, "non-Muslims are not frustrated by time-consuming, privacy-invading airport screenings, phone monitoring, surveillance, and other measures, and that only Muslims are affected by it because they are the ones doing all the terrorism."

Currently, ACT! for America claims 14 chapters in Washington State located in places such as Tacoma, Onalaska (Lewis County), and, even in our own city, Olympia.

Sources: *New York Times*, ACT! for America, Brigitte Gabriel, International Intelligence Summit

Norway gunman was influenced by American Islamophobes behind "Ground Zero Mosque" hysteria

Lee Fang,
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As the world struggles to make sense of the tragic attacks in Norway, it has become apparent that Anders Behring Breivik, the main suspect held by police, left a long trail of online comments, a YouTube video, and a manifesto outlining his political beliefs. *The New York Times* reported, Breivik "endeavored to find common cause with xenophobic right-wing groups around the world, particularly in the United States" and his manifesto "quoted extensively from the anti-Islam writings of American bloggers."

In his manifesto, Breivik cites an assortment of right-wing figures, but a troubling theme is evident in the 1,500 page document. Breivik was directly influenced by the same cadre of American anti-Muslim activists that have gained a powerful following in the contemporary conservative movement in recent years. Many of the leading Islamophobes who inspired Breivik have also been responsible for a rising tide of hate campaigns, from the so-called "Ground Zero Mosque" hysteria to a disturbing trend of demonstrations against Muslim Americans across the country:

– **Breivik posts a 45-minute interview with Brigitte Gabriel, a leading organizer of grassroots anti-Muslim activism:** Gabriel is the author of several popular anti-Muslim books, is the founder of ACT! For America, a group Gabriel created to engineer a permanent activism base for efforts to scapegoat Muslim Americans. Her group has collaborated with Tea Party groups, pushed bans on Sharia law in states, and mobilized a vicious hate rally in Orange County earlier this year. In an interview with ThinkProgress, Gabriel confessed that she regularly advises Homeland Security Committee Chairman Rep. Peter King (R-NY).

– **Breivik cites blogger Pamella Geller several times in his manifesto, reprints articles praising her:** Geller, the writer behind the popular anti-Muslim blog Atlas Shrugs, has been perhaps the most

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Nuclear Power

News bites

Compiled by Wendy Tanowitz

"However fragmented the world, however intense the national rivalries, it is an inexorable fact that we become more interdependent every day." -- Jacques Cousteau

Earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes and other global warming events, aging reactors, and human error are among the many forces creating an ever-changing and increasingly dangerous landscape for nuclear power plants. Below is a short description of audio, video and print resources that offer in-depth analysis and help you understand the implications of this technology. Each site will lead you to additional links and startling information not readily available in the mainstream media. (For direct links, go to this article at www.olywip.org.)

http://www.enenews.com — an indispensible source of news on nuclear power from around the world

Video: A reporter bravely travels to Fukushima and Chernobyl to bring us powerful images and insights. She interviews experts in the effects of radiation; physicist Michio Kaku; Japanese evacuees; Russian children being treated in a special hospital for those affected by Chernobyl; and a Russian scientist—among others. The program aired in mid-June on 60 Minutes Australia. Includes a complete transcript.
http://tinyurl.com/43em2ca

Video: After the Fukushima disaster, Chris Busby, visiting professor at the University of Ulster's school of biomedical sciences and Scientific Secretary of the European Committee on Radiation Risk, found an extremely high level of radioactive contamination, even as far south as Tokyo. He found one sample in Tokyo that had levels of radioactivity higher than levels inside the Chernobyl exclusion zone.
http://tinyurl.com/3rmh62g

Audio: In this thought-provoking exchange between Dr. Helen Caldicott, who has dedicated her life to alerting people worldwide to the danger of nuclear power, and Michael Madsen, a young Danish filmmaker, we are introduced to the concept that radionuclides produced by nuclear power will need to be kept isolated from the environment for at least 100,000 years—even though no structure in human history has lasted this long. Madsen's film, *Into Eternity*, explores the implications of Onkalo, a burial site for nuclear waste currently being constructed in Finland.
http://tinyurl.com/3h4lb56

Earthquake on US East Coast causes loss of offsite power to two reactors. A 5.9-magnitude earthquake in central Virginia on Tuesday, August 22, shook buildings as far north as Canada and as far east as Chicago. It caused the two reactors at the North Anna nuclear-power station in central Virginia to lose offsite electricity—"station blackout." According to Nuclear Information and Resource Services, offsite power was restored on August 24 at around 11:30 am. Twelve other plants across the region reported "unusual events." Search for:
http://online.wsj.com/

US nuke plants ranked by quake risk: reactors in East, Midwest, South have highest chance of damage
Indian Point Energy Center, located 24 miles north of New York City on the east bank of the Hudson River, is, among all nuclear reactors, at highest risk from earthquakes according to new estimates by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Reactor No. 3 is most at risk.
http://tinyurl.com/3jfklsp

Video: Paul Gunter of Beyond Nuclear joins Thom Hartmann. Japan is not out of danger—in fact, the nuclear crisis is worsening. We've recently learned from Japan that the amount of radiation released was more than 20 times that from the Hiroshima bomb, and now it looks they may be experiencing the early stages of a total China Syndrome meltdown. Is the United States in danger too?
www.youtube.com/watch?v=baya8-agPs4

Fukushima Radiation Alarms Doctors: Scientists and doctors are calling for a new national policy in Japan that mandates the testing of food, soil, water, and the air for radioactivity still being emitted from Fukushima's heavily damaged Daiichi nuclear power plant. On August 2, readings of 10,000 millisieverts (10 sieverts) of radioactivity per hour were detected at the plant, a level which is fatal to humans. 10,000 mSv is the equivalent of approximately 100,000 chest x-rays.
http://tinyurl.com/3ryap3u

On July 24, residents of Ohkuma-cho, 20 km from the power plant, attend a memorial service for the victims of the March 11 earthquake and tsunami. (Photo by the EPA)

Heart of America Northwest focuses on clean-up of the Hanford Nuclear Reservation—one of the most contaminated areas in the western hemisphere. They work to protect the region and the Columbia River from the contamination at the site and are trying to prevent Hanford from being used as a national radioactive hazardous waste dump. HOANW works to ensure that the lessons of the Japanese reactor disaster at Fukushima are not ignored at Hanford, where the Pacific Northwest's sole commercial nuclear reactor, the Columbia Generating Station, is located.
www.hoanw.org

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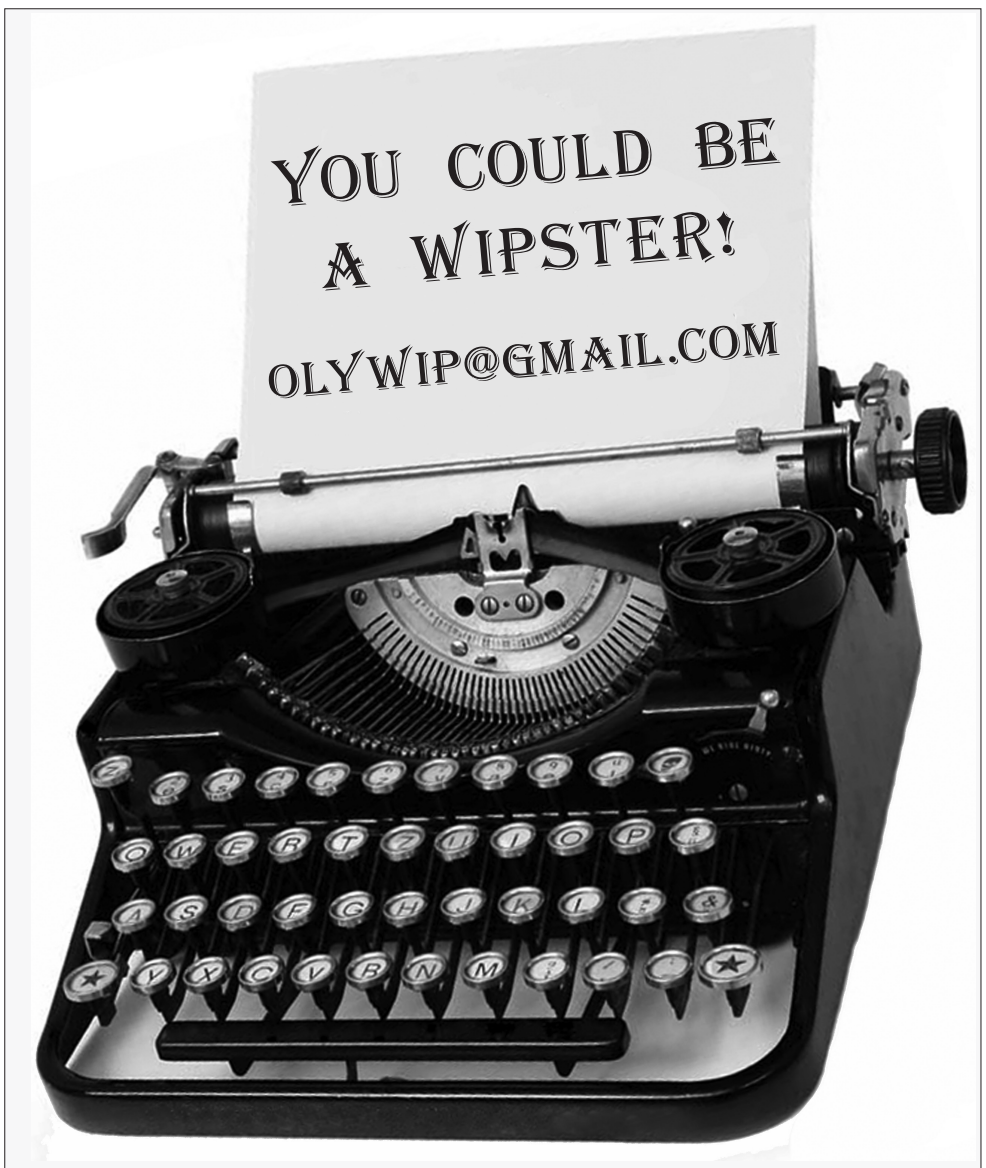

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EPA Radiation Monitoring across the US:
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www.radiationnetwork.com

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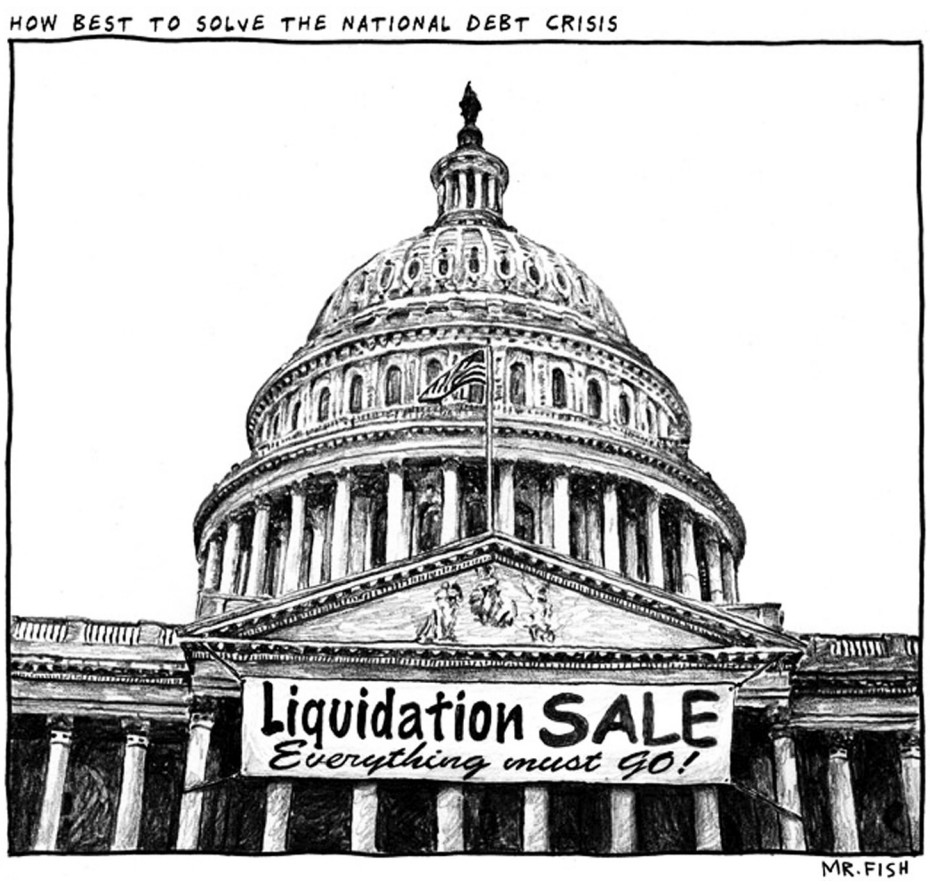

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Decades of Decline for Americans

This is a continuation of the Savings & Loan corruption of the 1980's, the Contract with America in the mid-'90s, a continuation of the government deregulation of healthcare and energy industries in the '80s and '90s, a continuation of Wall Street fraud and corruption, of Enron and Ponzi schemes of the 2000s.

Healthcare - In 1994/5, the Contract with America allowed $270 billion of cuts to Medicare and Medicaid. After 15 years, we can see the effects of this on the whole healthcare system. Meanwhile, with the money that wasn't being spent on adequate healthcare, the U.S. government was able to fight foreign wars on a modest scale. These wars were funded through the suffering of the disenfranchised, the very same disenfranchised we see today.

Education - $482 million of education spending has been cut in Washington for the next two years, with more cuts looming. Who is *factoring in* and making an educated guess what will happen within the next two generations? If public education is privatized, then my grandchildren may not receive the same education I did and their children may not have an education at all.

For the last thirty plus years, there has been a decline in the American way of life. We must be blind not to see the outcomes of the mistakes of Congress, who have aligned themselves with corporations. 2011 should be a wake-up call for Americans about the conducted campaigns of "divide and conquer," targeted at various American groups and unions, and how many Americans have bought into it.

Manipulating America

For years in the 1990s, the right-wing media waged a campaign against welfare moms / families with fraud and waste. Since 2009, the right-wing and mainstream media launched its newest campaign against unions, with the Tea Party charging the way.

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My article in the August *Works In Progress* titled "A medical paradigm shift is needed And Portland is leading the way" alludes to what Byron J. Richards wrote in his 2006 book *Fight for Your Health: Exposing the FDA's Betrayal of America*. Richards posited that many Americans are not attuned to the fact that this two party system is not working. He goes on to say:

> "Americans are in a difficult situation. The leaders of both parties are bought by Big Pharma. Big Pharma is inextricably linked to oil companies, war companies, multinational agribusiness, new biotechnology, and the international banking system. Thus, health freedom is an issue of undeniable importance for all Americans. Those seeking to compromise health freedom or attack health freedom have aligned themselves with the greediest and most disgusting people on earth. The values of our Constitution are being sacrificed for the slim profits of the New World Order."

Americans are, slowly but surely, being groomed to accept militarization and corporate control as the norm. But what I've learned is that American constitutional democracy is but an illusion. It has been picked apart little by little for the last five decades, and we are not paying attention to see it. We are so institutionalized with acceptance of these cuts that we accept more and more with each passing year.

What Wall Street, the banks, and the government cronies are counting on is that we keep on doing what we are most comfortable with, and that we don't build a solidarity movement. We work on our separate issues or separate causes, and do what is in our comfort zones, and nothing more. The corporations have been succeeding with their efforts of "divide and conquer."

The effects of budget cuts

When I heard about Enron and the actions of the Bilderberg Group, I knew the cuts were a natural outcome. I knew that local, state and federal government officials would have reasons and justifications for their spending with our cuts. When the bailouts happened at the end of 2008, we were told that our children would pay for them. But even that wasn't entirely correct; we're already paying for them now.

My eyes were open when it started with Hurricane Katrina in 2005. The treatment of the Gulf's citizens was shocking. The very foundation of our freedoms, being eroded away with strategically planned cuts to social programs that help average Americans in times of trouble. These cuts kill not only our communities, but our individual civil liberties as well.

With cuts to social programs, we should be leery and apprehensive. First come the cuts to the number that are served (clients). Then come the cuts to the people who serve them (union members). Then come the cuts to the programs (justified with reports showing the programs aren't useful). And finally, the termination of all social programs, all across America.

Public education is already being affected. With the budget cuts as drastic as we have seen in Washington State, the government is looking to privatize our public school systems. Maybe in the future, they'll start funding military schools for our children.

The wake up calls are all around us. Americans cannot wait for Congress to redirect military spending. Nor can we urge, or consider, or plea, or beg – rather, we must *demand* that without taxation, there is no representation. Isn't that what history teaches us? We must *demand* Congress stop funding the wars. We must be visible and vocal – and not just for one day. What Wisconsin union members did was a continuous, sustainable occupation of their capitol building. Their story was an inspiration for many of us, at a time when we need to be inspired.

Local action

Will we come together, or will we keep doing our own thing here in Olympia? Who will stop the killing of democracy in Washington? Who will stop the termination of our civil liberties? How are we going to make Congress accountable for the loss of democracy and the demise of our constitutional rights?

I have more questions than answers. But I do have one answer — more solidarity is needed. That's for sure!

In 2011, what we desperately need is solidarity—like Wisconsin's solidarity. Lets begin by demanding that the auto industries and the bank industries should – no, they *must* – pay back the bailout money **now**. We must demand our government stop the cuts to social services. We should demand that Congress stop funding the wars, and start taxing the wealthy and the corporations. We must demand a fair tax structure. Without our solidarity voice, the cuts in social services and in taxes on the wealthy and corporations will surely continue.

Maybe it is time for *participatory democracy* due the fact that this two party system is definitely not working. Americans should maybe give it a shot.

My hearing is silenced but not my voice. As I give a collective summation of contemporary events, my thoughts are written down and put on paper here and now expressed. We need to rewrite our Constitution and re-write what democracy means to us. Coalition building and a solidarity movement is needed. This could happen, if the masses arise and demand it.

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Wednesday, September 7th, 6:30pm
Public Hearing Examiner, Thomas R. Bjorgen

There is massive opposition to this 7-Eleven from neighborhood associations, thirteen local businesses and 1200 petitioners. Over forty neighbors submitted formal written comments to the city planners. The city and planning staff completely ignored our voice and neighborhood knowledge and refused to adjust or turn down this proposed development. On June 28, 2011, the City of Olympia approved the proposed 7-Eleven.

We responded quickly by raising the $1000 filing fee, securing the assistance of a pro bono attorney and filing an appeal with the City of Olympia's Hearing Examiner on July 11th. We wanted to appeal to the City Council, but they have a new policy of not reviewing this type of land decision.

We oppose the 7-Eleven for numerous reasons. Harrison and Division is already a dangerous intersection for bus riders, shoppers, bikers, walkers and drivers. An auto-magnet 7-Eleven will make it ever more dangerous.

We don't need another convenience store. We already have one across the street and one a half block away. We can also think of many socially productive uses for that lot – a public library, a farmers market, a public gathering place, a coffee shop, a pocket park or, at least a locally owned business – something pedestrian friendly and community oriented. That intersection is the heart of the Westside.

Plus, we believe the City's planners have violated the city code, the city's engineering and design standards and the comprehensive plan's promise of a pedestrian friendly and safe environment as they attempt to accommodate this Tokyo-based multinational (7-Eleven) and its Vancouver front man, Michael A. Jenkins.

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Veteran and military spouse dragged from Rumsfeld book signing

GI Voice

On August 26, military spouse Ashley Joppa-Hagemann and anti-war veteran Jorge Gonzalez went on Joint Base Lewis-McChord to meet with Former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld. Rumsfeld, most infamous for his part in leading the United States into the bloody wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, was at JBLM to promote his *New York Times* bestselling book *Known and Unknown: A Memoir.*

Jorge and Ashley waited along with other patrons for approximately one and a half hours to meet with Rumsfeld. After shaking the hand of the Former Secretary of Defense, Mr. Gonzalez removed his button down top to reveal an Iraq Veterans Against the War t-shirt, and requested that Rumsfeld dedicate the book to Coffee Strong with the message, "To Coffee Strong: Fight the War, After the War." Mr. Gonzalez explained to the confused Rumsfeld that Coffee Strong was, "a veteran-operated coffeehouse, and vital resource to the JBLM community that provides links to services for active-duty personnel, veterans, and military family members."

Mrs. Joppa-Hagemann introduced herself by handing a copy of her husband's funeral program to Rumsfeld, and telling him that her husband had joined the military because he believed the lies told by Rumsfeld during his tenure with the Bush Administration. She then recounted her husband's painful story of eight deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, his battle with PTSD, and eventual suicide, for which she blamed the military and Rumsfeld himself. Rumsfeld's only response was to callously quip, "Oh yeah, I heard about that." Despite the reply, Mrs. Joppa-Hagemann continued to lay the blame directly at the feet of Rumsfeld and the military for not providing enough care for soldiers and veterans returning from deployments in combat zones. However, within moments Ashley and Jorge were dragged from the Post Exchange by a group of 5-6 security agents and military police officers, and told not to return.

From left to right: Former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, anti-war veteran Jorge Gonzales, military spouse Ashley Joppa-Hagemann, and a security officer preparing to escort two of the three away - Photo courtesy of GI Voice

Former Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld's uncaring response is demonstrative of the attitude taken by many at the top-levels of the U.S. government. While they seize any opportunity to participate at a photo-op in front of expensive new barracks facilities or publicly praise the sacrifice of service members, they rarely take even a moment to honestly listen to those whose lives are overturned by their failed policies and poor planning. If politicians and top-level officials truly care about JBLM and other military communities they'll begin to listen to the folks—like Ashley Joppa-Hagemann—who are most affected by the negative consequences of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"I didn't want him to suffer anymore."

What follows is a portion of Ashley Joppa-Hagemann's speech at the recent "State of the Soldier" event on August 23, at King's Books in Tacoma. The event was sponsored by GI Voice and Coffee Strong. You can watch her entire speech at http://tinyurl.com/4x4qq7x.

My husband is Jared August Hagemann. He was a Staff Seargent in the 2nd of the 75th Ranger Regiment, and he was in A Company, before he took his life on June 28.

He was going on his 7th year in the military. This would have been about his 8th or 9th deployment for him. With the Rangers, about every six months, they usually re-deploy. There were a few times where my husband went for a short period of time, and then the next time they would stay longer than the usual time. The usual time is 4-6 months.

It all started in 2009 when he was diagnosed with PTSD. He came home from that deployment, and the day he was supposed to return back to work, all he did was drink himself senseless. Which is always what he did before and after a deployment. He said the reason [he did it] before was, he wanted to distance himself, numb himself for what he was getting ready to do. And afterward, it was to forget, and to numb himself from what he had to do.

So the day he was supposed to return back to work, he had called the Rangers and told them "I quit. I'm done." He called me up after that, and told me he was thinking about taking his life. So I rushed over there, I stood by his side like I always did. And of course, Rangers showed up and tried to talk him into staying longer, and staying in the Rangers, and all he said was "Get away from me. F*** you. I quit. Don't you hear me? I quit. I *can* quit."

[The Rangers are a voluntary unit within the military. Members can opt to be cycled back into the regular Army, but they cannot leave the military.]

So my husband was telling them he quit. And after a few hours of that, I took him to the ER to sober up. Then he admitted himself into 5 North at Madigan, which is also known as the mental ward. There he received some counseling. And they held him for about three days. They told him as long as he continued his counseling and his alcoholics class, he'd be okay. He didn't *want* to leave. He wanted to stay as long as he could to get the help that he wanted.

A month or so later, [the Rangers] actually told him his counseling and the Alcoholics Anonymous time was taking up his work time. They needed him doing more important things, and that he needed to take time from his personal time to seek the help he wanted, which was not the deal in the beginning.

The only time I felt that the Rangers would listen is when I would call local law enforcement. But after a few times, that no longer seemed to help. All they would do is tell my husband, "Stay in your barracks. Don't talk to your wife." Like *I* was the problem. But it wasn't me. It was them. They didn't take any responsibility for my husband. Even that last month of his life, when they knew.

In his last month, he held a gun to his head three times. And by that time, he had this look of despair in his eyes. I haven't told anybody this, but the last time he had that gun to his head, and he was yelling "Should I do it? Would this make everybody happy?" It was as if he was asking me, "Please. Let me go." And the worst part is that I love him so much – that's what keeps me going right now, talking, getting in front of people, letting everybody know about my husband – I didn't want him to suffer anymore. And at that moment, I was thinking, "If that's the only way you'll be at peace, do what you need to do." And I hate myself for thinking that, but to see someone in pain every single day, waking up, telling me, "I hate myself. I hate my job. I hate my life. I hate what I've become."

Now, they are refusing to give my husband, who gave his life for the Rangers, a memorial. They told me it was because they didn't want media around to give the story.

All I'm asking is, as a community, that everyone gets together and stand up for these men. Because the military's not going to do it. They took what they could from these men, and they won't let them go.

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Book review: *About Face*

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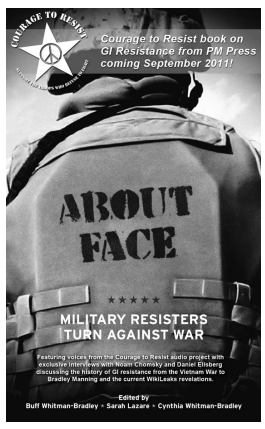
About Face: Military Resisters Turn Against War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They volunteered to serve in the U.S. military and then became war-resisters who risked ostracism, humiliation, and prison rather than fight.

In this book of personal testimonies, resisters describe in their own words the process they went through, from raw recruits to brave refusers. They speak about the brutality and appalling violence of war; the constant dehumanizing of the enemy—and of our own soldiers—that begins in Basic Training; the demands that they ignore their own consciences and simply follow orders. They describe how their ideas changed and how they came to oppose the policies and practices of the U.S. empire, and even war itself.

Some of the refusers in this book served one or more tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan, and returned with serious problems resulting from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Others heard such disturbing stories of violence from returning vets that they vowed not to go themselves. Still others were mistreated in one way or another and decided they'd had enough. Every one of them had the courage to say a resounding "NO!" The stories in this book provide an intimate, honest look at the personal transformation of each of these young people and at the same time constitute a powerful argument against militarization and endless war.

Also featured are interviews with Noam Chomsky and Daniel Ellsberg. Chomsky looks at the U.S.-led wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and the potential of GI resistance to play a role in bringing the troops home. Ellsberg compares his own act of resistance in leaking the *Pentagon Papers* in 1971 to the current WikiLeaks revelations of U.S. military secrets.

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Adam Keller's Crazy Country Blog

Adam Keller

A changed agenda?

Friday, August 19, 2011

Someone in the wild Sinai peninsula took a decision and sent a big, well equipped squad to infiltrate across the border into the Israeli Negev, attack buses and cars and engage in running battles with soldiers and shoot and kill and kill indiscriminately. And presto, in one minute the agenda changed and the public mood changed into a state of emergency and war at the gate and in all communications media there was no more talk of social protests, nothing but terrorism and army and security issues.

It had been a difficult month for Prime Minister Netanyahu – truly, a very hard month. A Prime Minister under siege, caught in a bind. Tent encampments and more tent encampments sprouting up all over the country, demonstrations and protests and more demonstrations. The demands for affordable housing and for Social Justice and for a Welfare State occupy the center stage, and the Free Market economics which Netanyahu had worked so hard to foster since he was Finance Minister are suddenly cast into doubt. What did he not try? He used sticks and he used carrots, he tried to entice the protesters with committees and benefits and rabbits drawn from the hat and he tried to castigate them as Leftists and pampered sushi-eaters, and they went on to protest and demonstrate and extend ever further the tent encampments and get their rallies to the peak of three hundred thousand in Tel Aviv. Just yesterday morning, the protesters arrived at the home of Eyal Gabbai, Nethanyahu's Chef de Bureau, and he spoke forthrightly and made it clear to them that the Free Market system will not change, and there will be no taxation on the rich and there will be no Welfare State in Israel. And these cheeky youths did not accept these clear clarifications from their government, and just announced that they will increase ever more their protests and demonstrations.

How, how to change the focus and move the public agenda in a different direction? Perhaps finally September will come and the Palestinians will go to the UN and demand to have their state and thus help to distract public opinion in Israel? But the big show at the UN is only due on September 20, how to get through another month until then? Besides, would even that change the tendency of public opinion? What if the Palestinians hold mass demonstrations in late September, without any violence, and demand to have some Social Justice, to be free in their country and no longer live under occupation – would this be enough to change the agenda? It might even get a bit of sympathy among Israelis.

But not all is lost, and relief for the harassed Netanyahu came from the usual quarter, out of the deserts of Sinai came the dramatic initiative to change the Israeli public agenda. And it so happened that Israel's fine security services had long since prepared a plan to liquidate Gazan leaders which just needed to be put into operation, and now put into operation it was forthwith, and all at once Israel's Air Force took off for Rafah and made the hit, an instant and huge success, and immediately afterwards could the Prime Minister make a full-blooded patriotic address to the nation's people over all channels and offer congratulations to the brave soldiers and the valiant pilots and the diligent security operatives and deliver a stern warning to the Palestinians and offer condolences to the bereaved and wish the injured a speedy recovery and how great it felt at last to make a long speech without a single word about social problems, just like in the good old days. And of course, as soon as Gaza was hit, Israelis all over the South knew that the time has come to seek shelter and expect the worst, and indeed the Qassam and Grad rockets were not slow in coming, naturally prompting the Air Force to counter-attack on more Gaza targets and bring on more missiles on Israel the escalation is mutually escalating - and who would now dare demand a cut the in the defense budget in order to promote social causes?

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But what will the social protest activists do now in their tent encampments? Would they quietly yield to the changed agenda and meekly disappear from the scene? If that's what Netanyahu is counting on, he should think again.

I would like to give the floor to Social Protest activits, with a selection of messages posted in the past twenty-four hours on the Offiical Housing Protest Facebook Page.

http://www.facebook.com/j14rev

Voices from the grassroots field

Yigal Cohen: We will not let terrorism beat us!

Ittai Hertzberg: I just read this piece of news:

Deputy Minister Ayoub Kara calls upon demonstrators to dismantle their tents and call off their protest, in solidarity with the wounded in the attack, as "it's time to be united in the struggle against terrorism".

Ayoub Kara, don't you have another appointment scheduled with neo-Nazis in Austria?

Arnon Shaked: How sad, Bibi and his government got a terrorist attack just in the nick of time. There is only needed a small military operation to make him happy. That's what they think about human life, it's like a game to them.

Yossi Levy: [Modeled on a well-known Israeli song] This protest cannot stop, this protest will not stop. We must continue to protest, we must continue to protest. This protest will not stop!

Friends, do not have to bow down low, we can prove that we can go on. Express our respect for the victims, with quiet rallies, go on going out to protest. Let the wounded heal and recover and rise up from their beds as patients in a better health system!

Let the soldiers on discharge find a better higher education system.

And a better Israel for all citizens.

Continue! Continue!

Tamar Aviyah: We undertake to continue the protest even if military action starts. Protests throughout the country.

Avi Hevroni: Finally, we will have to learn to go on demonstrating even after such events. There is no choice. It can not be stopped. This may sound insensitive but it's not. There is no other way you can keep this issue alive in a country where there is no certainty of tranquility and security.

Avishai E. Edenburg: Now is perhaps the most crucial moment for this movement. We all had this cynical thought, that we would fold everything down and go home like good children, when security issues come to the fore. No. We will not fold down, not until our needs are seriously addressed.

Shlomo Ohana: Friends, let's have a moment of silence for the Housing Protest. It was nice while it lasted, but now it's over.

"The occupation and the settlements are part of what creates such situations, in which we cannot just go on with 'a normal protest' that does not touch upon the conflict. That's why we must demand an end to conflict, demand true security which only peace can give."

Bikosh Bik: Well, Shlomo, speak for yourself. If you feel OK with the situation as it is, good for you... But you can't decide for others what is good for them and what they will do or not do.

Eshkar Eldan Cohen: Continue the protest, full steam ahead!

What happened today is a tragedy for the families of those killed and wounded. But it also a tragedy when men and women die from illness because of difficulty in purchasing drugs, or when people's health is damaged because they could not buy proper food, and when disabled people lack what they urgently need, and when people are discharged from hospital prematurely due to shortage of beds in rehabilitation, and when children go to school when their parents could not afford to buy textbooks, when people die because there were no beds free in Intensive Care – all these are tragedies. The military and government failure in their role to defend the border leads to tragedy. Also their failure to take care of daily needs. So the protest must go on, for those who manage to survive and want to go on living.

Meir Ben-Or: Mr. Prime Minister:

After the attack in the south, probably you will probably send out call-up orders also to the leftists who live in tents and eat sushi, just as you will send them the rightists and the settlers. You will sent us into action in Gaza which would probably be followed by overall war, and who knows where it would end. I just ask you, Mr. Netanyahu, for one small favor. Just remember us who will go away to fight for you and for Sarah and for all your distinguished colleagues, and to eat dust (instead of sushi). Of course, if we do not come back from this war, then all bets are off and you are exempt from all obligations...

Ashkar Alden Cohen: Do not go to this delirious war. You do not have to!

Neora Barak: Do not stop the protest in any situation. We are not indifferent. We are consistent and determined, we have patience and we will see who blinks!

Human pain and identification with the families of the victims does not mean giving up the momentum already created. We must not create a dangerous precedent of stopping the demand for social justice. Like it did not contradict the demand for release of Gilead Shalit. Suddenly the government sent a negotiator to Egypt to get him. That was only because the protests put some pepper up their ass.

We should not give up, there is a silent majority looking up with hope at this protest. Do not forget this!

Elad Shechter: The government wants protest forgotten. They asked the Jerusalem encampment to cancel the demonstrations (which shows how much the government thinks only of its own interests). So it is important to manifest our presence and show that with all the sorrow and the pain, citizens are struggling also to live in a better country!

Not only does the protest not divide the people - it unites them for the first time in decades. The tents strengthen us against enemies from outside as well as inside. There is no contradiction between defending the country and improving it: before '48 we were able to struggle to formulate an ideology and therefore there is no reason we can't do it today. This is our War of Independence.

If the protest organizers cancel the scheduled actions, we would go on without them!

Sivan Wolchinsky: That's right! In Kiryat Shmona there will be a march ending with a rally. Certainly one thing does not come at the expense of the other. You have to remember that in the aftermath of such terrorist attacks the state often defaults on its responsibility to provide aid to the wounded, to give them benefits for disability (physical and mental...). Social Security payments could be very hard for them to get, for no justified reason! This is the real test – now more than ever, get to the streets!

Eyal Ap: The occupation and the settlements are part of what creates such situations, in which we

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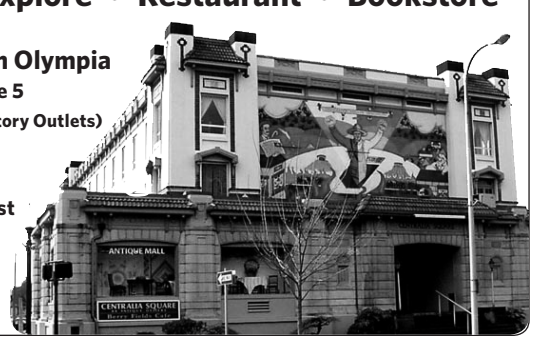

cannot just go on with "a normal protest" that does not touch upon the conflict. That's why we must demand an end to conflict, demand true security which only peace can give.

Matan Bar: We all feel pain and grieving over the deaths of innocents. Our outcry will be the continuation of the protest, despite all. For us, for the dead, and for the mourners. Another "Cast Lead" operation in Gaza? Again an enshrining of the khaki uniforms? Talking of security and silencing the voices on education, equality, welfare? We grieve for and and honor the victims, but we also continue the protest whose hope they also shared. Will will not cooperate with the war drive of Bibi - Barak - Lieberman! We will not run again to kill and die in Gaza under the outworn banner of 'state security'. We will walk in silence at the rally Saturday night, we will remember the dead, and will continue to press our demands upon the ministers and the prime minister!

The protest organizers announce:

We march in silence - the pain of all, the protest of all

On Saturday, August 20 at 9:00 pm, we all march together with the entire Israeli people, from Habima Square to the Charles Clore Garden. It would be a peaceful march with torches and candles, designed to remind the Prime Minister that even in these difficult times, he is still responsible for welfare and health just as he is responsible for security. When the march gets to its destination in the Charles Clore Garden on the Tel Aviv coast, we will all sit on the grass in wide circles or intimate discussion, talk, discuss, argue and sing – everything quietly, in silent respect for and solidarity with the victims of the criminal terrorist attacks.

This is the pain of all, this is the protest of all of us.

Quietly, but firmly. Because the people which demonstrates is the same people which is hit by the fire of our enemies. And their determined demand for a deep change in the order of economic priorities and for comprehensive social justice does not at all come at the expense of fighting terrorism - on the contrary. A people whose members are responsible for each other, struggle together for the future and strength of the State of Israel, are a strong people who can stand up to all their enemies.

Together with in the circles, honoring us with their presence, will be the best of Israel's artists, their voice devoid of the help of microphones, their guitars not connected to any amplifier. They will sing with us in pain and hope, for all of us have no other country - except the State of Israel.

Millie Duluoz: There is no such thing as a silent protest.

Ori Milstein: That's exactly what they want. Be quiet. We're good kids. God forbid that we should demand defense budget cuts. A silent protest is an oxymoron. Like was said here before, there is no need to apologize, no need to reduce our force.

I'm personally going to cry out when I get there. Otherwise it will simply be a surrender, a nail in the protest's coffin. If they manage to silence us now, what would happen if riots break out in September?

Hila V Goldstein: Dear firebrands! People were killed today. In the South there is a kind of war. A silent protest is the best now.

Bar Hefetz: It should not be silent and not be in Tel Aviv, it's time to express social solidarity, go the Gaza border communities and cry out that we're not afraid, not afraid of Hamas, and also not afraid of this evil government which is just trying to scare us and silence us. No, don't be silent!

David Bochris: We undertake to continue the protest even if military operations begin. Protest all over the country!

Ido Daniel: TV stopped talking about the incident and broadcast a miserable program on cooking ..... And the football games have a moment of silence and the players put on a black band to honor the dead, and then go on playing... Power is in the continuity, must show that we are continuing!

Gil Orlev: I understand all who are angry that it is to be a silent rally (why quiet? One terrorist attack. Life goes on, including all the junk programs on TV). I want to say on record that I much more sympathize with you than with the other side to the debate. Yet we must not ignore all the people who feel uncomfortable with a shouting rally when such things happen. Do not argue with feelings. There are situations where it is impossible to please everybody. I think the organizers deserve credit for trying to think of everybody and find a creative solution. There is room for two voices. We have a silent action, demanding peace and social justice.

Einat Doz'ovni: I have the experience of a quiet walk with only 200 people, which had a mesmerizing intensity. There is no need to shout in order to be heard.

Star Rajuan: I live in Gan Yavne, I was woken up twice this night by the sound of sirens. I [want] to keep optimistic also under air raid alarms, I hope you do too. We will continue to cry out - loudly or silently, each in their own way. To demand both justice and peace. Peace will mean that fewer people would be killed. And justice will mean that fewer people will die because they do not have money for medications, treatments or food.

BOOK REVIEW
"BAsics, from the talks and writings of Bob Avakian"

E. Schmidt

Earlier this year there was a big event up in Harlem NYC celebrating the release of a new book called *BAsics*. Performers included jazz great David Murray, Elaine Brower, Aladdin, reg. e. gaines, Matthew Shipp, and other notables. There was also art displayed from folks such as Emory Douglas, who later issued the following statement to *Revolution Newspaper*, providing some interesting background:

"A salute to Revolutionary Bob Avakian on his book *BAsics*. I recall meeting Bob Avakian in the early, early days of the Black Panther Party for Self Defense while working on the BPP newspaper with Eldridge Cleaver, ... I observed the conversations to be very intense at times, Eldridge always prodding and pushing Avakian to his limits with his responses. I'm sure those conversations did help mold the student Bob Avakian into the Revolutionary leader and critical thinker he is. Bob Avakian thereafter would begin to talk at many BPP rallies on the issues of Liberation and Revolution which he unwaveringly continues to express in *BAsics*. Bob Avakian continues to Educate to Liberate. Emory Douglas, Revolutionary Artist, former Minister of Culture, Black Panther Party"

Mr. Avakian does not come across as a utopian, but rather emphasizes that people will always need to struggle, question, and evolve.

Needless to say, this was a book I had to check out. *BAsics* is a collection of excerpts from the speeches and writings of Bob Avakian, Chairman of the Revolutionary Communist Party USA, and spans a period of work of more than 30 years. The book is arranged to first explain the damage a system called capitalism has done and is doing to the world. It then makes the case that these things are not an inevitable product of human nature, that we are capable of creating a very different world, and talks about what that new world might look like. Finally, it lays out how to actually bring about that world, making it clear that this can only happen through revolution, with one class seizing power from another.

The immediate focus is on revolution in the U.S., but the overall context is international. Also, revolution in the U.S. must include its own various nationalities. The approach is Marxist-Leninist, with an eye to the achievements as well as lessons of the past. The achievements include the fact that, yes, it is possible for the people to seize power, and that this can result in very significant gains in their well being. Lessons include important issues concerning science, art, morality, and dissent. Mr. Avakian does not come across as a utopian, but rather emphasizes that people will always need to struggle, question, and evolve. The writing is clear and accessible, with useful analogies, and I feel like the guy is talking to me directly. There are many short passages, with longer supplementary passages providing in-depth analysis.

Since it is a book of quotes and excerpts, I'll give several of the shorter ones here, with my reactions.

The first entry in Chapter One: "There would be no United States as we know it today without slavery." Seems simplistic, but still it made me think. The good ole USA, land of the free and home of the brave. We got the jump on the other capitalist countries early on due to the huge economic gains from dominating the vital world cotton trade through the use of slavery, which other nations had outlawed. The book goes on to elaborate elsewhere, and also talks of how killing Indians and stealing half of Mexico, Hawaii, etc. also contributed to the current economic position of the USA.

This one really brought to mind the Middle East situation and the constant propaganda we are fed to justify the invasions and murders to conquer their oil: "The essence of what exists in the U.S. is not democracy but capitalism - imperialism. What the U.S. spreads around the world is not democracy, but imperialism and political structures to enforce that imperialism."

Here's a good one to think about as the world climate system fails: "This system and those who rule over it are not capable of carrying out economic development to meet the needs of the people now, while balancing that with the needs of future generations and requirements of safeguarding the environment. They care nothing for the rich diversity of the Earth and its species, for the treasures this contains, except when and where they can turn this into profit for themselves... These people are not fit to be the caretakers of the Earth." Makes more sense to me than the usual garbage about carbon credits.

So, how do we get to this new and better world? Meditation? Micro loans? Re-elect Obama? Nope. "Let's get down to basics: We need a revolution. Anything else, in the final analysis, is bullshit." OK, what kind of revolution? Radically new hair styles? The next step beyond all-wheel drive? No again. "The first great step...in the road to communism is seizing power from the capitalists. Without that, none of this is possible. But seizing power from them opens the way to making the advance to communism. Socialism is the new society established after the seizure of power. Socialism is three things: a new economic system, a new political system and a transition to the final goal of communism." As one part of this, the need for leadership and a vanguard party is discussed: "But you're also never going to make revolution in this country without a vanguard that bases itself on a scientific approach to these questions, and to every other decisive question; a vanguard in which everybody contributes and struggles with each other on the basis of striving to grasp that scientific approach." For the role of individuals, he uses a basketball analogy about a team backing its stars, the Carmelo Anthony types, who want the ball when the game is on the line. "These are the ones who not only soar to great heights themselves but in so doing raise the level of their team as a whole... Why shouldn't the advanced forces of proletarian revolution, those who have the most profound interest in this revolution and the most profound desire for revolution, why shouldn't they be capable of this kind of greatness?"

That's a small sample. The overall organization, range, and content is comprehensive and useful. I've read many talented political thinkers and writers published in various anthologies, but to me this book excels as far as pulling it all together on where humanity stands now, and what the path forward is if we are to survive. Basically, it's a handbook for revolution. I recommend you check it out.

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The Big Smoke

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Across the entire media spectrum the opinions are now flying thicker and faster than the half-bricks were just two nights ago. So here's SchNEWS' half-assed crack at explaining the recent turmoil on the streets of the U.K.

The recent riots are far too complex for a simple explanation (maybe it's just something about Tory governments and Royal Weddings). The facts aren't all in yet by any means. The riots certainly weren't 'pure criminality,' but neither were they anything like a politicised insurrection.

Riots in different parts of the country and even different parts of the capital each had their own flavour. If they had one thing in common, it was the fact that they didn't happen in the estates – the fight was taken to High Street. Hatred of the cops and the possibility of free stuff on a long summer's evening proved to be an intoxicating mixture. As an aside, both the footage and the roll-call of those in court right now show this was a long way from a race riot; black and white can unite – if only to loot Foot Locker.

It seems to us that everyone is asking the wrong question: Why did they riot? — when in fact the more obvious question would be: Why did it take 'til now? A toxic combination of neo-liberalism and the gangsterism that goes with the criminalisation of drugs has created ghettoes in London and throughout the U.K. Everyone knows it – and the 'feral underclass' has become the acceptable focus of snobbery, hate and fear.

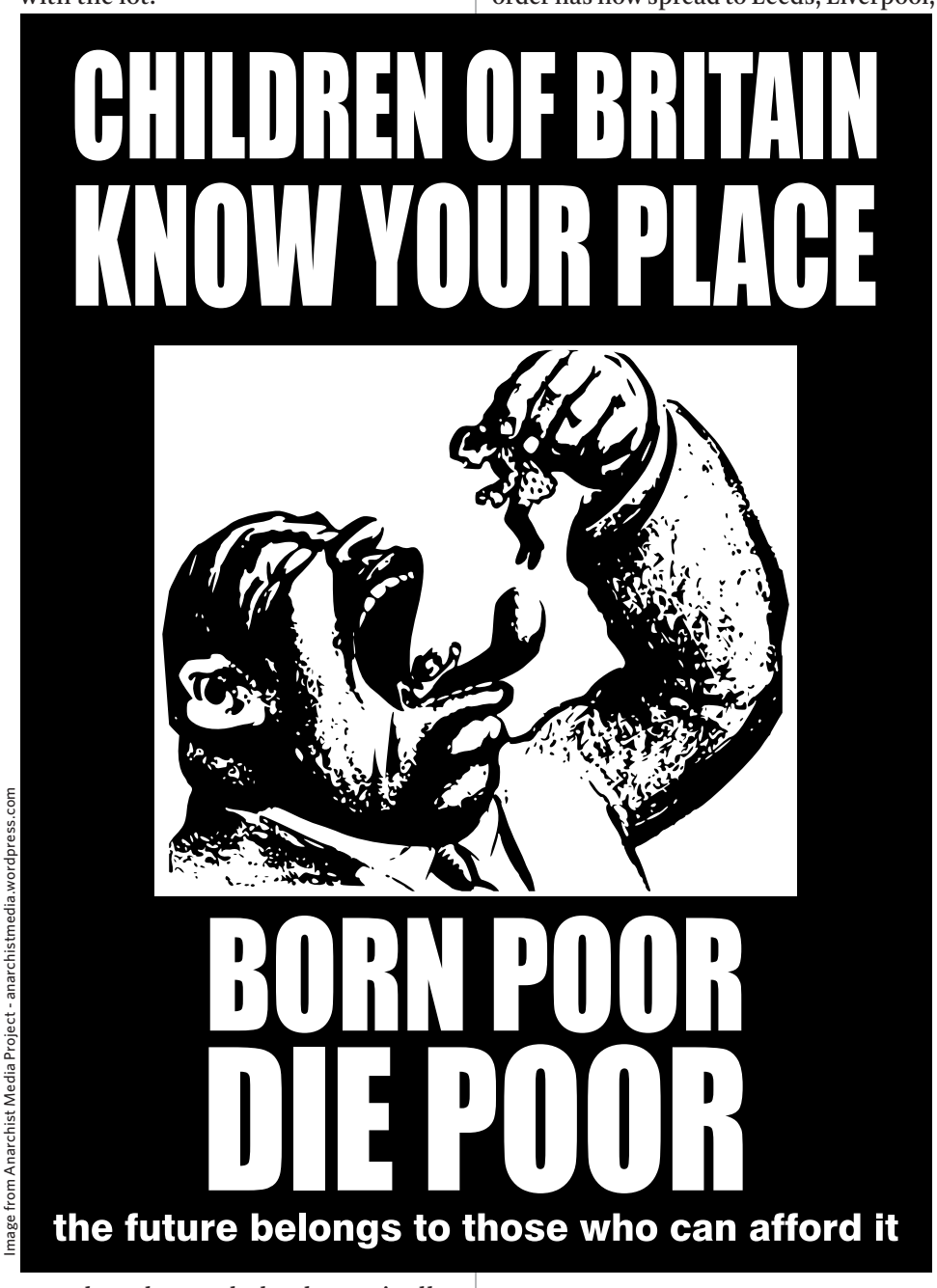
Through the boom-time, all political parties supported the same solution – a benefits system that would keep the poor out of good people's faces. Subsistence cash to stop them bothering the rest of the population as they grabbed their little piles of buy-to-let loot [profits from buying up houses/apartments to rent], their own little capitalist empires. Much was made of catering for 'stakeholders' in society, the underlying assumption being that those who didn't hold a stake could safely be fenced in with ASBOs [Anti-Social Behaviour Orders], CCTV [Closed-Circuit TV surveillance cameras], youth curfews, increased police powers and a prison building program. Nobody wanted to know what was going on inside these areas.

The middle class knew they were being screwed when they had to bail out the bankers but they also knew that any real justice might dismantle a lifetime's savings. En masse they voted Tory and made the decision to bonfire the benefits system in a massive transfer of wealth from the chavs to the chav-nots [British derogatory term for poor underclass]. This is what lies behind the right-wing's blanket refusal to even consider what might have caused the uprising — preferring to dismiss it as 'mindless' amid the predictable calls for water cannons and the immediate return of national service.

Now they're reaping the whirlwind of structuring society entirely around people who bought into a system where acquisition of material wealth was the only legitimate aspiration. Massive disparities in income and status developed, and in a city like London the different social strata exist cheek-by-jowl. Ghettoes are colonised by wealthy enclaves. A short wander around the streets of Stoke Newington or Hackney shows how the process of gentrification rubs the noses of the poor in a wealth and security they will never have. The current recession has made it clear to those not already safely a rung or two up the property ladder that they will never make it.

A blind eye has been turned to the corrosive effect of advertising on kids – the insidious viral marketing scams of the very brands whose stores we've seen go up in flames. A list of the targets of the London riots reads like a list of daytime TV adverts- Curry's, Matalan, JD Sports, Aldi, Footlocker and PC World.

The initial spark for the riots was the killing of Mark Duggan. But once it was clear that the police were no longer in control of events, youth squared the circle of being born in a consumer culture without any cash. They've been outside the mall with their noses pressed against the glass for a long time. Now the window's shattered and they've scarpered with the lot.



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Back to the spark that began it all — the death of Mark Duggan – shot by a police armed-response-unit in Tottenham on Thursday 4th August. This was initially reported in the mainstream media as an exchange of fire; in fact it was reported as a positive news story — with prominence given to the angle of a police officer being miraculously saved from a bullet that struck his radio. After four days of rioting, the facts are slowly coming out. Duggan's gun (if he had one) was never fired. As with Tomlinson, as with De Menezes [shot and killed by London police on separate occasions], first the police kill and then they start to lie. Those lies were repeated as fact by a compliant mass media.

A demonstration of family and friends gathered outside Tottenham Police Station on Saturday (the family were not given access to Duggan's body until 36 hours after his death). The situation turned violent — footage has emerged of a group of tooled-up cops beating a young girl on the ground. That's when it all kicked off, and that night Tottenham went up in flames.

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Panic on the streets of London

Laurie Penny

August 9, 2011

I'm huddled in the front room with some shell-shocked friends, watching my city burn. The BBC is interchanging footage of blazing cars and running street battles in Hackney, of police horses lining up in Lewisham, of roiling infernos that were once shops and houses in Croydon and in Peckham. Last night, Enfield, Walthamstow, Brixton and Wood Green were looted; there have been hundreds of arrests and dozens of serious injuries, and it will be a miracle if nobody dies tonight. This is the third consecutive night of rioting in London, and the disorder has now spread to Leeds, Liverpool, Bristol and Birmingham. Politicians and police officers who only hours ago were making stony-faced statements about criminality are now simply begging the young people of Britain's inner cities to go home. Britain is a tinderbox, and on Friday, somebody lit a match. How the hell did this happen? And what are we going to do now?

In the scramble to comprehend the riots, every single commentator has opened with a ritual condemnation of the violence, as if it were in any doubt that arson, muggings and lootings are ugly occurrences. That much should be obvious to anyone who is watching Croydon burn down on the BBC right now. David Lammy, MP for Tottenham, called the disorder 'mindless, mindless'. Nick Clegg denounced it as 'needless, opportunistic theft and violence'. Speaking from his Tuscan holiday villa, Prime Minister David Cameron – who has finally decided to return home to take charge - declared simply that the social unrest searing through the poorest boroughs in the country was "utterly unacceptable." The violence on the streets is being dismissed as 'pure criminality,' as the work of a 'violent minority', as 'opportunism.' This is madly insufficient. It is no way to talk about viral civil unrest. Angry young people with nothing to do and little to lose are turning on their own communities, and they cannot be stopped, and they know it. Tonight, in one of the greatest cities in the world, society is ripping itself apart.

Violence is rarely mindless. The politics of a burning building, a smashed-in shop or a young man shot by police may be obscured even to those who lit the rags or fired the gun, but the politics are there. Unquestionably there is far, far more to these riots than the death of Mark Duggan, whose shooting sparked off the unrest on Saturday, when two police cars were set alight after a five-hour vigil at Tottenham police station. A peaceful protest over the death of a man at police hands, in a community where locals have been given every reason to mistrust the forces of law and order, is one sort of political statement. Raiding shops for technology and trainers that cost ten times as much as the benefits you're no longer entitled to is another. A co-ordinated, viral wave of civil unrest across the poorest boroughs of Britain, with young people coming from across the capital and the country to battle the police, is another.

Months of conjecture will follow these riots. Already, the internet is teeming with racist vitriol and wild speculation. The truth is that very few people know why this is happening. They don't know, because they were not watching these communities. Nobody has been watching Tottenham since the television cameras drifted away after the Broadwater Farm riots of 1985. Most of the people who will be writing, speaking and pontificating about the disorder this weekend have absolutely no idea what it is like to grow up in a community where there are no jobs, no space to live or move, and the police are on the streets stopping-and-searching you as you come home from school. The people who do will be waking up this week in the sure and certain knowledge that after decades of being ignored and marginalised and harassed by the police, after months of seeing any conceivable hope of a better future confiscated, they are finally on the news. In one NBC report, a young man in Tottenham was asked if rioting really achieved anything:

"Yes," said the young man. "You wouldn't be talking to me now if we didn't riot, would you?"

"Two months ago we marched to Scotland Yard, more than 2,000 of us, all blacks, and it was peaceful and calm and you know what? Not a word in the press. Last night a bit of rioting and looting and look around you."

Eavesdropping from among the onlookers, I looked around. A dozen TV crews and newspaper reporters interviewing the young men everywhere."

There are communities all over the country that nobody paid attention to unless there had recently been a riot or a murdered child. Well, they're paying attention now.

Tonight in London, social order and the rule of law have broken down entirely. The city has been brought to a standstill; it is not safe to go out onto the streets, and where I am in Holloway, the violence is coming closer. As I write, the looting and arson attacks have spread to at least fifty different areas across the UK, including dozens in London, and communities are now turning on each other, with *The Guardian* reporting on rival gangs forming battle lines. It has become clear to the disenfranchised young people of Britain, who feel that they have no stake in society and nothing to lose, that they can do what they like tonight, and the police are utterly unable to stop them. That is what riots are all about.

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Riots are about power, and they are about catharsis. They are not about poor parenting, or youth services being cut, or any of the other snap explanations that media pundits have been trotting out: structural inequalities, as a friend of mine remarked today, are not solved by a few pool tables. People riot because it makes them feel powerful, even if only for a night. People riot because they have spent their whole lives being told that they are good for nothing, and they realise that together they can do anything – literally, anything at all. People to whom respect has never been shown riot because they feel they have little reason to show respect themselves, and it spreads like fire on a warm summer night. And now people have lost their homes, and the country is tearing itself apart.

No one expected this. The so-called leaders who have taken three solid days to return from their foreign holidays to a country in flames did not anticipate this. The people running Britain had absolutely no clue how desperate things had become. They thought that after thirty years of soaring inequality, in the middle of a recession, they could take away the last little things that gave people hope, the benefits, the jobs, the possibility of higher education, the support structures, and nothing would happen. They were wrong. And now my city is burning, and it will continue to burn until we stop the blanket condemnations and blind conjecture and try to understand just what has brought viral civil unrest to Britain. Let me give you a hint: it ain't Twitter.

I'm stuck in the house, now, with rioting going on just down the road in Chalk Farm. Ealing and Clapham and Dalston are being trashed. Journalists are being mugged and beaten in the streets, and the riot cops are in retreat where they have appeared at all. Police stations are being set alight all over the country. This morning, as the smoke begins to clear, those of us who can sleep will wake up to a country in chaos. We will wake up to fear, and to racism, and to condemnation on left and right, none of which will stop this happening again, as the prospect of a second stock market clash teeters terrifyingly at the bottom of the news reports. Now is the time when we make our choices. Now is the time when we decide whether to descend into hate, or to put prejudice aside and work together. Now is the time when we decide what sort of country it is that we want to live in. Follow the #riotcleanup hashtag on Twitter. And take care of one another.

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What's missing from the picture presented by most media analysts is what a bunch of c*nts the police actually are. As anarchists and political activists we have a choice about our engagement with the police. We run up against them when we mobilise and so we get a tiny glimpse of what it's like to live in an area where everyone is treated as a potential criminal. Check out the youtube video of Darcus Howe pointing out the humiliation of constant stop-and-search on young men, while virtually being shouted down by BBC interviewer Fiona Armstrong, who doesn't sound as if she's too well acquainted with the grim realities of inner city life: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mzDQCToAJcw

Then the rioting went viral – not just because of the intoxicating power of Twitter or Blackberry — but because the conditions for it exist all over the country. Currently the Tory government is talking tough, with Boris Johnson talking of rioters as if they were foxes to be run to earth. And with Cameron promising new laws and threatening a New Moral Army, almost as if he hadn't been caught glad-handing people who hack into dead girls' phone messages in the pursuit of profit. As they continue to push forward the austerity agenda, SchNEWS asks — is this only the beginning?

The question is, Should British charities that fund Israeli settlements receive tax rebates from Inland Revenue, when the UK government recognises that settlements contravene International Law?

'Charities' Exposed

British charities have contributed over one million pounds ($1,650,994 USD as of 8/21/11) to Israeli settlements in the last five years. Several British charities currently fund religious yeshivas, security and social facilities in West Bank settlements. All receive tax rebates and are eligible for gift aid, which is where the Inland Revenue adds 28% to a donation made, effectively funding settlements from British taxes.

Examples of settlements that benefit include Modiin Illit — built next to the Palestinian village Billin — which used donations to build a swimming pool; Bat Ayin, Shavai Shomron and Kiryat Arba, which received money to build libraries and playgrounds; and Maale Levona which received funding for settlement security.

Christian Friends of Israeli Communities, which raised money for Maale Levona's walkie-talkies and CCTV, describes these settlers as "scanning the roads and hilltops for suspicious movement, constantly on the alert for possible signs of peril."

East Jerusalem settlers such as Elad who have demolished Palestinian homes in Silwan to build the archeological site Ir David Park also have a charity arm registered with the UK charity commission. This is despite the British Consulate in Jerusalem advising its staff not to visit the controversial park.

At least five British charities raise funds that benefit Israeli soldiers. Over £1,400,000 [$2,311,391 as of 8/21/2011] has been sent by UK charities in the last five years to pay for soldiers' recreational and educational facilities and provide accommodation for lone soldiers on leave. One charity, the UK Friends of the Association for the Well Being of Israel's Soldiers, last year raised £800,741 which went to furnishing Israeli military bases, making them more comfortable for soldiers.

The Jewish National Fund also contributes to military activity. The JNF is currently on a fund-raising drive to build roads for military use along Israel's borders, such as that with the Gaza Strip.

They also solicit funds to build a recreational park in the Negev's Ramon Air Force Base for use by Air Force families.

Many Hesder yeshivas, based in both Israel and the West Bank, which combine religious education with compulsory service in the Israeli military, have UK charity arms. One, Keshet Yehuda, in the Israeli-occupied Syrian Golan Heights, a yeshiva famous for graduating soldiers who enter combat units, receives donations from the Lewis Group Trust. The Lewis Group Trust is owned by clothes retailer River Island.

Charities that fund Jewish people from around the world to emigrate to Israel also collect money in the UK. One such charity, Nefesh B'Nefesh, advertises sixteen settlements on its website — describing them as attractive places for new immigrants to move to. Nefesh B'Nefesh uses charity money to pay for immigrants' flights and settling-in costs and has recently registered in the UK.

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BART shuts down cell phone service to suppress protest

On Aug. 11, Bay Area Rapid Transit cut cell phone service to four transit stations, in an attempt to undermine a planned protest against ongoing violence by BART police. BART claims the forced shutdown was "within their legal rights." The FCC has announced intention to investigate the incident.

As Rebecca Jeschke of the Electronic Frontier Foundation said, "The real question is, do we want government agencies to be able to shut down wide swaths of phone service on claims of a rumor that there might be a protest?" Jeschke answered her own question: "I think it's pretty clear the answer to that is no."

Facebook to work with prisons to suppress prisoner speech

Facebook recently announced plans to work with the California Department of "Corrections and Rehabilitation," to identify and shut down Facebook pages set up by inmates in California prisons.

There is no law forbidding the use of social media by prison inmates. However, the only way prisoners can access Facebook in the first place is with cell phones, which usually are sold to them by prison guards at well above the retail price.

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"Judgment at Nuremberg" benefit screening

OMJP press release

World War II arguably had the greatest historical impact of any event in the 20th century. Understanding the scope and consequences of WWII takes research time, yet can unveil to perceptive students a lot of the present issues faced in current global and state politics. Considerably lengthy books (*The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich* by William Shirer) and documentaries (*Shoah*) can provide a comprehensive political and cultural perspective of the Nazi regime in particular. Among the wide range of fictional films made that covered the atrocities of the Holocaust, one lengthy classic stands alone in questioning the complicity of the German population during that period.

Judgment at Nuremberg, a 1961 US film that will be featured at 7 p.m., Fri. Sept. 9 in Traditions Café, dramatizes one of the 12 US military tribunals that followed the historic Nuremberg trials. The defendants are judges and a state prosecutor who upheld Nazi laws despite consistent injustice.

The US prosecution clarifies early in the trial that it seeks to try the judges not for mere legalities, but "murder, brutalities, torture, atrocities" as shared responsibilities with Third Reich leaders.

As a courtroom drama, *Judgment at Nuremberg* explores difficult moral and ethical issues that compel the viewer to explore their own beliefs. The film doesn't intend to change your mind as much as it will leave lasting impressions on how the state of Germany saw itself after the war and Nazi regime ended. The viewer vicariously follows a tribunal judge played by Spencer Tracy who is prone to accepting social engagements and immersing himself in post-war German society. His curiosity is ours as we wonder who the surviving population was and how they felt about what had happened around them. Marlene Dietrich plays a complex German socialite role that never asks for our sympathy but demands to have her perspective explained as a self-proclaimed Nazi hater. Witnessing Tracy's assumed wisdom and objectivity from years of judicial experience erode with these social encounters (and the trial itself) is worth viewing.

Judgment at Nuremberg is not limited to the usual courtroom drama's dubious attempt to represent society's views through a criminal case. For instance, a disturbing testimony delivered by Montgomery Clift concerning forced sterilization is just one of several cases that give a vivid comprehension of what resembled courtroom justice in Nazi Germany. Another witness, played by Judy Garland, tells the tribunal how complex relationships could be misrepresented and distorted through a witch hunt process.

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One could reasonably assume without seeing this movie that a 1961 film from the US will cast our nation as the benevolent, prudential force that heroically sets justice straight in Germany without ever pointing the finger at itself. Quite the contrary. The bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki are mentioned by a desperate and driven German defense lawyer along with the US industrial profiteering that resulted from Nazi contracts. (Maximilian Schell won a Best Actor Oscar for his intense portrayal of the lawyer.) The US military and politicians also come across as unwanted influences toward the trial's outcome as the Cold War conflict with Russia is considered paramount from their perspective.

But the film's larger issues reside within the state of Germany, and viewers can choose whether to impose the historical lessons learned from this story to our country's occupying presence across multiple nations. As simple as it is to distance ourselves from the atrocities committed by the Nazis, the film might strike a chord to those attuned to the depoliticization and banality of evil that occur here internally from a cultural and civil standpoint

In *How Holocausts Happen: The United States in Central America*, Douglas Porpora referenced psychological research that showed high-ranking Nazi officers "provided no evidence of a clinically morbid 'Nazi personality'" and that the Rorschach inkblot test of defendants more closely resembled the standardization sample of 600 US citizens than it did the psychiatric population including schizophrenics and depressives.

With that note in mind, Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace would like to extend a special invitation to all local public officials to attend this benefit screening – especially City Council members, Port Commissioners and local judges. Snacks and refreshments will be provided along with an intermission.

Zahid Chaudhry update

The Keep Zahid Home Committee

Local residents Ann and Zahid Chaudhry face a new legal challenge. For years, in the context of post-9/11 racism, they have been fighting baseless attempts by federal immigration officials to deport them. The federal immigration police, investigators, and attorneys have made up stories, and tried their hardest to provoke reactions from the peaceful and respectful Chaudhrys. However, there have always been several things they could not deny: Zahid served in the U.S. military honorably, Zahid always came to the U.S. legally in good faith and Zahid has been a law-abiding resident for well over 10 years here in the United States. But if these federal police could somehow pin some kind of "crime" on Zahid, no matter how trumped up or minor, that would be all they would need to railroad this couple through the system. You can find out more by clicking on Zahid's Story at www.keepzahidhome.org

On April 29, Ann was sweeping up in their garage, having already finished changing the paint color of the interior. Two men pulled up in a City of Lacey pickup truck, with one of the men yelling from the street in an antagonistic tone, "Just the people you wanted to see." They accused Ann on the spot and implied that whatever she was doing right then and there needed a permit. While still sweeping, she replied she didn't know this needed a permit. When asked for a business card or other identification, they declined to provide one, with one man instead writing his name and number on a piece of paper. Neither city official saw or spoke with Zahid during this confrontation, as Zahid had been bedridden with debilitating migraines for weeks.

Incorrectly, Zahid received a court summons in the mail. Zahid, individually, was being accused of having violated the law by doing "construction, OR alteration, OR repair work" to the home without a permit.

The particulars of this court summons are very disturbing. First of all, it was very short notice. It was delivered to the Chaudhrys on June 11, and summoned Zahid to appear in court on June 16. If they had simply been out of town during that week, they likely would never have received this summons in time. Furthermore, it was delivered in a non-descript white envelope, with no signature required. Through Public Records Requests, the Chaudhrys have requested and received some replies relating to their case; each time, these have arrived through "certified mail," meaning they were specially delivered, and somebody had to sign for it upon receipt. No such care was taken to ensure the Chaudhrys received this summons.

On the summons, bail was marked as "mandatory," meaning a failure to appear would result in automatic detention. Had that happened, Zahid Chaudhry would likely have been taken to city jail, after which the federal agents handling the deportation case against him would have transferred him to potentially very long detention at the ICE facility on the Tacoma tideflats. Zahid would have had no hope of winning his battle against unjust deportation. This is the reality for so many others, who are locked up in the ICE facility right now, and whose stories have not been brought to the attention of the broader community.

Zahid has been unwell with excruciating back pain, stiff neck and throbbing migraines throughout this ordeal with the City, being bedridden much of the time. In order to attend the "pre-trial" hearing on August 10, he had to be given heavy pain medications along with his other many, many medications, which have their own additional incapacitating side effects, not the least of which is sensitivity to light and sound, dizziness and spinning head feeling, nausea and vomiting.

After waiting a very long time for this case to be called, he was extremely ill and had vomit in his mouth. The judge forced a public defender be appointed to the case and set another (third!) "pre-trial" hearing for less than one week later, on August 16.

On August 16, the public defender, Hoffman, refused to sign a short questionnaire given to him by Ann which in a nutshell asked if he had a higher conflict of interest and if he would uphold the Constitution. Hoffman then fired himself, saying "I guess I'm fired."

The next court date is Wednesday, September 7 at 1:30 p.m. Jury trial date is set for Monday, September 12 at 9 a.m.

This case, by officials in the city of Lacey, is in the context of the years-long deportation battle against Ann and Zahid Chaudhry. Zahid Chaudhry is a stand-up member of the community. He is a decorated disabled military veteran, which alone should ensure him citizenship. His wife Ann is a U.S. citizen, was born in the U.S.; and their marriage of over 10 years should also guarantee citizenship for Zahid. They both deserve to have this ordeal put behind them, and be allowed to move on with their lives, live in peace and quiet, here in the land they both call home.

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proactive anti-Muslim activist, given the fact she was the first to smear the planned Park51 community center as a "victory mosque" and was involved in demonstrations against the construction before most of the media gained an interest. As Geller travels the country promoting her belief that Muslims are an inherent threat to American society, she has been connected to protests against mosques in California, Tennessee, and other states.

– **Breivik cites neoconservative Islamophobe Frank Gaffney on opposition to Turkey joining the EU, and reprints a post from Gaffney's think tank, the Center for Security Policy:** Gaffney, a former Reagan official, is a regular on Fox News, a writer for the *Washington Times* oped page, a sought-after speaker at major conservative conferences, and a ubiquitous talking head on talk radio. His think tank created a website to orchestrate protests against the the so-called "Ground Zero Mosque" in Manhattan. When he is not arguing that President Obama is a secret agent of the Muslim Brotherhood or claiming that radical Muslims have infiltrated the top levels of American government, he is calling for people who practice Islam to be prosecuted under sedition laws.

– **Breivik extensively quotes Robert Spencer, a leading anti-Muslim writer sponsored by David Horowitz:** Spencer's blog Jihad Watch, along with Geller's site (Spencer and Geller created the group "Stop Islamization of America" to distribute action alerts), have driven anti-Muslim memes in the news for years. Sponsored by David Horowitz's think tank, Jihad Watch has led efforts to purge the Republican Party of Muslim Americans and is a constant purveyor of strange anti-Muslim claims, like one recently that former Rep. Anthony Weiner (D-NY) had secretly converted to Islam. Despite his links to Holocaust deniers and other unsavory individuals, Spencer provides punditry for Fox News, National Review, and other top conservative media organs. ThinkProgress has found his books sold at CPAC, the College Republican conference, and events for Young Americans for Freedom.

– **Breivik linked ten times to video clips for the movie *Obsession*, a documentary created by a secretive group called the Clarion Fund:** In 2008, a mysterious organization called the Clarion Fund mailed the documentary *Obsession* to 28 million households in swing states leading up to the election. The movie argues that Muslims are waging a war against America, and will stop at nothing to destroy western civilization. Clarion has subsequently produced more films, which are distributed and publicized widely by Geller, Gabriel, Spencer and other leading anti-Muslim activists. The group is chaired by a number of prominent Islamophobes, including Gaffney and Daniel Pipes.

The American media has failed to connect the dots in recent years as anti-Muslim activists like Geller, Spencer, Gaffney, and Gabriel have played an incredible role in fomenting a surge in anti-Muslim hate in America. Most reporters latch onto right-wing opportunists like Newt Gingrich, who at the height of the Ground Zero Mosque protests added fuel to the fire with his own bigoted comments. But there is a well-financed, well-coordinated effort among far right Islamophobes to orchestrate a "crusade" against Muslims. While the American Islamophobe machine has mostly inspired petty vandalism against mosques and racist demonstrations in the United States, the massacre in Norway is a grim reminder that dehumanizing hate can have dangerous but unintended consequences.

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2601 Willamette Drive NE, Suite G, Lacey

No experience is necessary. Volunteers must be at least 14. CHUMA Int'l (Catholic Health United for Medical Assistance) practices global solidarity and environmental stewardship by ensuring useful medical supplies and equipment are shared with charitable health-care organizations in economically developing countries.

Supplies are sent to Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Haiti, Cuba, Brazil, Uganda/ other countries. Help CHUMA's volunteer efforts. Ray Reyes 493-5641 raymond.reyes@providence.org

F.O.R. TV Program
Mondays at 1:30 pm
Thursdays at 9:00pm
Channel 22 - TCTV

If you live outside of Thurston County or if you don't have cable TV, you can watch over 60 of Fellowship Of Reconciliation's recent TV programs on your computer! Visit www.olympiafor.org then click the link for TV Programs and click any program you want to watch.

Memoir Writing Group
Tuesdays, 1-3 PM
State Capitol Museum,
211 21st Ave SW, Olympia,
360-753-2580

The Memoir Writing Group at the State Capital Museum has been meeting regularly for nearly two years. The group explores the past through writing and assembling their memoirs. Led by Delores Kelso Nelson, a writer and teacher in the Olympia area for over 15 years, the memoir class serves participants by igniting lost memories, supporting practicing memoir writers, and offering a chance to socialize. Cost is $6 per class or 5 classes for $24

Peace Vigil
NW corner of Sylvester Park
Wednesdays 12 pm: Legion & Capitol

Please come for all or part of the hour to witness in a very friendly way for peace and nonviolence. We provide plenty of signs. Olympia Fellowship Of Reconciliation has sponsored this since 1980. 491-9093 or glen@olympiafor.org

The Other Bank
Wednesdays 1:00-3:30pm
YWCA, 220 Union Ave SE, Olympia

The YWCA Other Bank provides free hygiene and cleaning supplies to families in need -- items that can not be purchased with food stamps and are not available at food banks, yet are essential for maintaining health and personal dignity. Items include: toilet paper, laundry and dish detergent, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, soap, tampons and pads, cleaning products, etc. 360-352-0593

PLEASE DONATE! Donations can be dropped off Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm

Stonewall Youth Support Groups
Wednesdays -- 705-2738
4:30-6:30pm for 21 and under group
7-9pm for 18+ group.

An organization of youth, activists, and allies that empowers lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, questioning, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQQIA) youth to speak for themselves, educate their communities, and support each other. Stonewall Youth envisions a community in which all queer, gender variant, and gender non-conforming youth have a full spectrum of choices regarding their bodies, self-expression, and legal rights. www.stonewallyouth.org info@stonewallyouth.org

Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP)
Monthly Meetings
2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 pm

Work on a variety of global and local issues. Larry 866-2404 lmosque-da@comcast.net

"The Veterans Hour," locally produced by Veterans for Peace
Thurston County TV (TCTV) - Ch. 22
Wednesdays, 5 pm
Fridays, 9-10 pm

Info: Dennis Mills 867-1487 mills.dennis@comcast.net

"Parallel University"
Thursdays, 12 - 1 pm:
89.3 FM or kaos.evergreen.edu/

Informative programs about peace, social justice, the environment, progressive politics, and other alternative viewpoints. parralleluniversity@yahoo.com

Women in Black
Every Friday from 5:00 to 6:00 pm:
W. 4th Avenue, near the fountain

Women only. Please wear black. Some signs are provided. Women in Black is a network of women committed to peace with justice. Info: Karin 754-5352 kraftkf@comcast.net

Percival Landing Peace Vigil
Fridays, 4:30-6pm
4th Avenue and Water Street, Olympia

All welcome to come to witness for peace and nonviolence. We provide plenty of signs. The Olympia Fellowship Of Reconciliation has sponsored this since 1998.
491-9093 or glen@olympiafor.org

Bread and Roses
Saturdays, 1-5 PM
1320 8th Ave SE, Olympia

We have food garden! If you have a pickup truck, have yard tools to loan, are passionate about organic gardening or local food security, or if you just like doing fun projects with your neighbors, please join us! There are many ways to be involved. Saturday Supper at 6:00pm. Saturday Supper Bread & Roses' volunteer hosts serve a gourmet meal Saturday evenings. http://www.breadandrosesolympia.org 754-4085

Community Special Events

Downtown Olympia Historic Shoreline Walks
Saturday, Sept 3, 10:00 am
Sunday, Sept 4, 10:00 am

Free guided walks for all ages led by Stream Team Sound Stewards on Wednesdays and weekends. Gather at the plinths on the boardwalk near the street to the LEFT of Bayview Thriftway (516 Fourth Ave. W). Look for large signs indicating the meeting point. For more info: www.streamteam.info or Patricia Pyle at 360.570.5841. Walks last about an hour.

Ocho Pies at Waterstreet Café
Friday, September 2, 7 pm - 10 pm
Waterstreet Café
610 Water Street SW, Olympia

Ocho Pies with Connie Bunyer vocals, Steve Luceno guitar, Paul Hjelm guitar and Michael Olson percussion returns to The Waterstreet Cafe for an end of the summer celebration. Join us as we blend the vast musical styles of the Caribbean with Waterstreet's award winning menu. All ages are welcome. Last time it was standing room only so make reservations at 709-9090.

Free Concert/Busker Parade
Tuesday, September 6, 2 pm - 8 pm
Sylvester Park

Citizens in Violation of Illegal Laws [CIVIL] is sponsoring a Free Concert/Busker Parade to protest Olympia's War on the Homeless in general, the related anti-busking ordinance in particular, and the ongoing efforts by powerful forces within our community to gentrify our beloved city. Sweeping the streets of the homeless is always the first step upon this road. The City Council made busking illegal unless you are in one of four designated 'busking zones', three of these four zones are useless as far as busking is concerned.
The Really Really Free Market will also set up shop in conjunction with the concert. A busking parade through the streets of downtown Olympia will start at 4 pm to tour the four designated 'busking zones' and highlight how ridiculous the law is. Then we march up 4th Avenue to the City Hall and greet City Council members who will be arriving for the scheduled city council meeting with some illegal busking performances. This will be followed by comments upon gentrification during the public comment portion of the City Council meeting. Please join us.

Peace and Justice Activism in Israel/Palestine with Dorothy Naor
Wednesday, September 7, 7 pm
Traditions Fair Trade

Olympia Jewish Voice for Peace welcomes Israeli Anti-Occupation activist Dorothy Naor to Olympia. She will speak of her personal interactions with and observations of the expropriation of Palestinian land, the destruction of homes, the Separation Wall, the history of the Israeli/Palestinian conflict and misconceptio... ns in Israeli and American society
Dorothy Naor, a Jewish Israeli activist, grew up in the Bay Area but has lived in Israel since 1958. She has a Ph.D. in English Literature from Tel Aviv University, and has been an English teacher for most of her professional life.
Dorothy is a member of New Profile, a pluralist feminist organization that seeks to transform Israel from a militaristic society to a civil-ized one. New Profile supports and assists refusal to serve in the military and also nonviolent means of ending the Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories.
We will be passing the hat around. Please donate generously to help us cover transportation costs!

2011 Olympia Family Barter Faire
September 10th-11th
Shincke Road, Olympia, WA

The 2011 Olympia Family Barter Faire will take place in a new location this year (about 10 minutes northeast of Olympia). Gates will open at 8am on Saturday. Sunday is FREE!
For more information, contact us at www.olywa.us/olybarter or 360.866.1489.

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Bridges Not Walls Olympia meeting
Sunday, September 11, 4PM
MIXX 96 building, State and Washington

Bridges Not Walls addresses issues of immigration in our community. We believe immigrants, regardless of legal status, deserve to be treated with dignity. We seek to make our communities a place where the contributions of immigrants are valued and respected. We oppose the fear and intimidation created by immigration enforcement in our region. Therefore, we work in solidarity with the immigrant communities in our area to promote human rights, economic rights and civil rights for all people.

Call 943-8642 for more information.

Vigil at the Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma
Saturday, September 17, 11am

On the 3rd Saturday of each month Bridges Not Walls invites your participation in a vigil at the Northwest Detention Center, which was built on a superfund toxic waste site near downtown Tacoma. Carpool to leave Olympia at 11am from the Olympia-Rafah Solidarity Mural at Capitol and State, and will return to Oly by around 5pm.

The NWDC houses up to 1500 detainees and is run by GEO Group, a for-profit corporation that consumes $150,000 of taxpayers' taxes each night that it's full. Prisons and detention centers are a bizarre growth industry in the US! Bring coffee and food to support families that are visiting their locked-up loved ones; come and also protest a failed immigration policy.

Email bridgesnotwalls@riseup.net or call (503) 970-3399 for more information on what to bring (and what not to bring).

Bridges Not Walls Shelton meeting
Sunday, September 25, 4 pm
943-8642 for more information

Bridges Not Walls to meet at 4pm in downtown Shelton at the Mason County Literacy office. The carpool from Olympia will leave promptly at 3:15 pm from the Olympia-Rafah Solidarity Mural (State and Capitol). 360-943-8642 for more information.

Fourth Annual Buddy Walk
National Down Syndrome Society
Saturday, October 1
Lacey Fire Station 34
8407 Steilacoom Road

South Puget Sound Up with Down Syndrome Buddy Walk® Encourages Participants to Take Strides Towards Acceptance and Inclusion for People with Down Syndrome

More than 500 people are expected to attend the event, which is one of over 250 walks across the country this fall to raise awareness and funds for programs that benefit people with Down syndrome and their families.

The Olympia Buddy Walk will feature face painting, door prizes, balloon art, magicians, fire equipment, and children's play activities. Families who have new babies with Down Syndrome will be presented with welcome baskets. Participants will also enjoy food and drink and a speech from Lisa and Dalton, a local couple who just got married. Lisa and Dalton both have Down Syndrome.

To learn more, visit www.buddywalk.org, or contact Becca Brandt at 360-915-6276

2011 Annual Knit-A-Thon
Entire month of October
Knitting circles, TBD

You can use your skills and hobbies to support The Birth Attendants and the services we provide for incarcerated mothers.
Sign up with the link below and by the end of September you will receive a packet with the pattern (dont worry, its only a square patch), sponsorship forms and yarn (if requested).
How this works: You knit a square patch and get sponsors to donate to the birth attendants for your work. We get the donations and the patches when you are all finished. The patches will then be turned into baby blankets that will be auctioned off at a later date!
You can knit all month long on your own time or at any of our knitting circles we will be hosting.
http://tinyurl.com/2011knitathon

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An Ode to the Catalysts

It's never too late,
People still need connectors,
Haven't encountered lady fate, you should expect her,
It's never too late we need societal defectors
People crave community, we'll always need connectors,
writers, painters, musicians, to give life form,
refract wisdom through a prism to help us betray the norm
give meaning to the void, fill our lives with form
we don't need a satellite to predict the coming storm
still they're looking at us like we're the children of the corn
media blames the victim, but who kicked us out of our homes,
left us poor, broke, and lonely
cops and politicians don't care, they're mostly just phonies
We need theater, dances, songs, and ceremonies,
We need joy and festivals, that are loud and boisterous,
We're poised to see who's the next to show,
we haven't ALL been turned to vegetables
and together we are stronger than the system
when you create culture your always employed and enlisted
Breathing life into ideas long thought to be non-existent
But we're persistent in our resistance
to the capitalists' sickest indifference,
We're strange, We're different,
we're on the streets endlessly
To reassert tribal needs and ancient memories
To fufill the desire for one human family,
Uniting, an entire people behind a melody,
Not buying what the rich are sellin' me,
Downtown Project is a fallacy
gentrification fantasy,
that's underhandedly
Banning artistry,
Hassling and harassing me,
but they're just fanning the flames,
The rich can't create beautiful art, so they just call in the jakes
but our words will make the earth quake, put food on our plates
Through our actions we can build community to reclaim public space!

-Strife (of Thought Crime Collective)

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